

**Schedule of Meeting Times:**

WKAC 1080 AM Sunday 7:30 AM  
 Study Sunday 10:00 AM  
 Worship Sunday Morn 11:00 AM  
 Worship Sunday Eve 5:00 PM  
*Singing every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday evening*  
 Study Wednesday 7:00 PM

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The kingdom of heaven "...is just like a man about to go on a journey, who called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, **each according to his own ability**; and he went on his journey,"

—Matthew 25:14,15

**Servants during June:**

**Songleader:** Larry (1), Dwight (8), Stanley (15), Larry (22), Dwight (29)

**Reading:** Stanley

**Announcements:** Larry

**Table:** Mike, Marty, Stanley

**Wednesday Lesson:** Kris (4), Larry (11); Stanley (18), Kris (25)

**Lawn Mowing (week starting):** Larry (1), Kris (8), Marty (15), Stanley (22), Larry (29)

**Area Meetings:**

**Lacey's Spring,** 22-27, Tim Sutton;

**Truth Lectures,** 7/14-17, Various speakers

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# The Bible . Examiner

"Examine everything carefully..." 1 Thessalonians 5:21 NASB

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# The Problem of Lying

By Dee Bowman

I preached this last Lord's Day on the problem of lying. I believe it to be one of the most prevalent and damaging problems in the lives of not only the world, but Christians as well. It has become epidemic. It is in our private relationships, our families, our social lives, our business practices. It's everywhere—at school, at the golf course, at the PTA meeting, even in the church.

Coincidentally, The Houston Post in its June 4 (1971) issue, carried a review of The Day America Told the truth, a new book by J. Walter Thompson Advertising Exec., Peter Kim and his associate James Patterson. It is an astonishing look at the morals of our people. The picture is not pretty. For instance:

- 91% of Americans lie regularly.
- 40% of the people interviewed admitted to having lied on job applications.
- 62% think there's nothing morally wrong with the affairs they're having.

And get this: 13% of the people have had an affair with a fellow worker. And 26% have shoplifted. What a sad description of our times!

How deplorable that people have such little regard for truth, such little respect for morality. Can you believe that?

A lie is a false statement deliberately presented as being true; something meant to deceive or give a wrong impression. And we all have trouble with that at various times, some chronically. My Dad

once spoke of a man who “would lie for a check when he could get cash for telling the truth.”

Why do people lie? Sometimes it’s done to deceive, Psa 50:19; sometimes to shirk responsibilities, Lk 14:18 (an excuse is not a reason, it’s a lie); sometimes out of fear, Mt 26:69-74 (Peter’s denial).

And sometimes it’s done to hurt someone, Gen 39:14-17 (Potiphar’s wife); or to get gain, Acts 5:1-10 (Ananias and Sapphira).

And yes, there is such a thing as a religious lie, 1 Tim 4:12; Rom 1:25. 2 Corinthians 11:13-15 is an apt description of those televangelists who have duped people in this age by making claims of inspiration or having powers like those of the apostles. They have charmed old ladies out of fortunes, talked the ignorant and superstitious out of their life savings, while they live in houses with gold-plated faucets or carry on illicit relationships with prostitutes. This is religion?

Some lies are hard to detect. Self-righteousness, for instance, looks good on the surface, but is no more than a subtle lie, an impression created to deceive, Mt 27:27,28.

One of the worst forms of lying—and very subtle—is the innuendo. It is a rather indirect implication or impression which

often takes the form of an insinuation. In fact, the word is from the Latin *innuere*, “to nod to.” Some of us nod just at the right time to leave a wrong or derogatory impression. And one of the worst forms of the same is to not stand up for a friend when you know what is being said is not so. Dereliction in such instances is no different than a blatant lie. I see entirely too much of this among brethren!

There are other forms of subtle lies: To appear to be more than you are; to discredit someone who has been praised; to transfer suspicion; to procreate gossip; to get ahead in line. And that most subtle of lies, self-deception, lying to yourself about yourself.

The end of all liars is predicted. Lying is repulsive to God, Prov 16:16. He warns against it, Eph 4:25; Col 3:9; 1 Pet 3:10. He will punish all liars, Prov 19:5; Rev 21:27. Make no mistake about it; God will deal with all liars, those who make lies and those who proliferate them. No one is immune. The problem is huge, greater than most of us realize. Let every man examine himself and take care about lying. Let every person be impressed with the value of truth. And let us teach our children that all lies are sin.

— via **The Eastside Enlightener**, Athens, Alabama 

# Use What You Have

*By Robert L. Craig*

We have an outstanding lesson in the parable we read from Matthew 25:14-31. Read it. It might be titled “Use What You Have.” I hear so many people, in speaking of serving the Lord, whining because they don’t have the ability to do more. In fact, those who whine the most, use their lack of ability for their excuse of doing nothing.

The Lord has never required me to do anything that I was not capable of doing. He never told me, personally, anything, just as he has not told anyone else, personally, to do something. But he taught me in the pages of the Book which were given by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that if I could preach publicly to do so. He told me in the same Book, if I couldn’t do that but I could teach,

do that. He told me in the same Book that I would not be required to do anything I could not do. But, in the same Book he told me that I would be accountable for whatever I **could** do. I can’t use that which I **do not** have, so I am told to use **what I have**.

The one talent man of Matthew 25 was condemned, not because he didn’t do more, but because he didn’t use the little ability he did have. He was told (as am I), “And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men,” Col 3:23. I like the old song we so often sing, “Have you lifted a stone from your brother’s way, have you walked with a slower tread?” The song is saying, maybe I can’t do much, but **am I doing it?** Take an honest inventory and see what you find. 

## *Remember in Prayer*

Please pray for **Barbara; Betty; Carolyn; Deborah and Serenity; Hazel; Kathy M; Pam B, Julie, Kaylee and Violet; Mark Horton; Pam McNatt;** and **John, Sylvia,** and

**Paige Pollard.** Please also for Kris’ friends, **Dawn and Wes,** as well as **Mina and Lorenzo**—they are struggling with serious medical issues. 