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## Viewpoints

*Observing events in our modern world from the viewpoint of our ascended Savior.*

### Lies and More Lies - May 22, 2015

*How lies kill and what can be done to stop the killing.*

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The New York Times reported the other day that a prominent politician has been caught in a lie. And few Americans seem to care. Could this lack of concern stem from the fact that so many people are themselves chronic liars?

In what is one of the most frequently quoted studies on the subject, University of Massachusetts psychologist Robert S. Feldman “found that 60 percent of people lied at least once during a 10-minute conversation and told an average of two to three lies.” Apparently 60 % of our population fails to recognize that lies lead to tragedy and death.

You might be tempted to think that that statement is an overstatement, perhaps even a lie, if you're not a student of history. Take, for example, the history of the Kursk, Russia's showcase “unsinkable” submarine. In August 2000 it suffered a lethal explosion. Why? Different lies told by different people caused the unimaginable—its own torpedo exploded within the bowels of the submarine, sending it to the bottom of the Barents Sea and killing all aboard. And then, as the Russian navy repeatedly attempted rescue operations and repeatedly failed, Russia turned away international help, saying that rescue ships were already feeding the Kursk with oxygen and supplies as a minor malfunction was being fixed.

And when the truth leaked out that the Kursk had entombed all its 118 sailors at the bottom of the sea, the Russians then lied about the cause of the explosion. *Lie after lie after lie!* And the world moved on with a big yawn, because “everyone knows how socialistic states always lie.”

So when I see American leaders caught in lies, and our nation seems to yawn, how can I not become worried that our country is becoming as lie-saturated as a socialistic state? And if so, what's the solution?

The solution begins with you and me. Do we believe that lies lead to tragedy and death? And do we abhor not only the lies others tell, but especially the lies we have told? In other words, *do we believe Jesus?* You see, Jesus teaches that whenever we lie, we're serving Satan because we're speaking his native language. And no matter what purpose we have in mind for lying, Jesus explains that Satan's purpose is to use our lies to reap death. But the death Jesus speaks of is much worse than what happened to the Kursk. Check it out for yourself in [John 8:44](#).

Lies—*my lies and your lies*- lead to unimagined tragedy and death, unless Jesus stops the consequences.

Only Jesus can stop the consequences of lying because he is the heaven-sent Son of God who at the cross absorbed the punishment for our sins of lying. And Jesus has indeed stopped the consequences of our sin when you and I are moved to be abhorred by the guilt of our lies, and then to be comforted by the faith that clings to Jesus for the forgiveness of all sins.

We who trust in the Lord Jesus are the ones who can help keep our country from becoming as lie-saturated as a socialistic state. For as we live our faith in Jesus by speaking the truth in love ([Ephesians 4:15](#)), our speaking the truth in love will lead others to abhor their own lies and to find forgiveness in the Lord our Savior. The more this spiritual process is replicated from one soul to another throughout our country, the less the Father of Lies can use humans to maim and kill with his native language. This is why the Bible states, “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord” ([Psalm 33:12](#)).

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*Blessings to you and your loved ones, Pastor Mike Nitz*

