

Commandment # 9 (Cont.)--So, You Want To Be A Bad Guy

Ex 20: 16 “You shall not testify falsely [that is, lie, withhold, or manipulate the truth] against your neighbor (any person). (AMP)

In this section of the “False Witness” lesson set, we are discussing the character of a bad guy, namely we are discussing the motives behind lies in general (although this is assuredly not all there is to motive).

There are different ways to lie. In our other “False Witness” lessons so far, we have looked at lies that are designed to destroy relationships, be selfish, to trap, to avoid bad consequences, to cover up and be used when afraid or fearful coupled with a lack of faith.

This time, we are looking at yet another couple of kinds of lies.

Let's now look at a series of clips from the Darkwing Duck episode **Dry Hard**.

Clip # 1 **Dry Hard**

Cartoon Link:

http://toonspirit.net/lessons_and_studies/159/Bad_Guy1.webm

What do you see in this clip?

We see Gosalyn running a scam. She intentionally makes people desperate for water then charges for the drink.

Why is this bad?

This is not an honest business, effectively she robs people of their money by making a thirsty crisis, then takes unfair advantage in the people's weakest moments.

Clip # 2 Dry Hard

Cartoon Link:

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What do you see in this clip?

We find that someone named Buddy Flood puts toxic poisons into the water to try to monopolize the water supply?

Why is this bad?

Buddy Flood is actually creating a huge crisis and is going to try to take advantage.

Clip # 3 Dry Hard

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What do you see in this clip?

As you can see, this is what is called a introductory or developmental episode where we see the origins of a character. Buddy Flood becomes a very huge problem as he becomes “The Liquidator”, master of water and other liquids (probably because he would control the water in those liquids). Normally, someone would die if thrown into a vat of strong toxic acid or similar substance. Buddy gets a new lease on life, but he wastes it on continuing to do evil and is not sorry.

I want you to notice the audacity and arrogance of the villain here, as he uses his singing advertisement women to hum the Battle Hymn Of The Republic while he does his speech. This is a song about God's truth winning the day in the end —Buddy “Liquidator” Flood's truth is not marching on.

Clip # 4 **Dry Hard**

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What do you see in this clip?

People are now victims of an outright monopoly because no water is usable except Buddy Flood's water.

Outright monopolies are dangerous because there is no control over prices or supply except the owner of the monopoly.

Again, Buddy Flood who is Liquidator is creating a crisis and has ramped up the attempt to take advantage of the situation. A bottle of water (Flood Brand) is now \$5000 apiece. Liquidator wants to rob everyone blind and laugh at the people's misery that he created for them to have for his enjoyment only.

Clip # 5 Dry Hard

http://toonspirit.net/lessons_and_studies/159/Bad_Guy5.webm

What do you see in this clip?

Gosalyn wants to be a scam artist, but she just wants spare change. She would even rob her own dad though to get it. Interestingly enough we see the true character of a villain like Buddy “Liquidator” Flood. He wants to mold Gosalyn because right now, she is actually a kindred spirit to him. Buddy “Liquidator” Flood will corrupt anyone he touches and will attempt to influence the likes of Gosalyn. Gosalyn is on a slippery slope indeed.

What do you see in the clips so far?

What we see is that greed is definitely a motive for

lying.

Let's look at a couple verses of scripture. This is found in 1 Timothy 6: 9-10. (ASV)

1Ti 6:9 But they that are minded to be rich fall into a temptation and a snare and many foolish and hurtful lusts, such as drown men in destruction and perdition.

1Ti 6:10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil: which some reaching after have been led astray from the faith, and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

The character of a bad guy is greedy for the most part.

Now we will take a look at another kind of lie.

We will look at a clip from The Super Mario Bros. Super Show Episode **The Great Gladiator Gig.**

Clip # 1 **The Great Gladiator Gig**

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This is called a bait and switch lie. In other words, it's a trap to get what is wanted.

The Bible is clear about what this is like. Let's look at Jeremiah 5: 26-29 (ASV)

Jer 5:26 For among my people are found wicked men: they watch, as fowlers lie in wait; they set a trap, they catch men.

Jer 5:27 As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit: therefore they are become great, and waxed rich.

Jer 5:28 They are waxed fat, they shine: yea, they overpass in deeds of wickedness; they plead not the cause, the cause of the fatherless, that they may prosper; and the right of the needy do they not judge.

Jer 5:29 Shall I not visit for these things? saith

Jehovah; shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

Basically what happens is that a fowler is a game bird catcher. These fowlers use small birds that bigger game birds would eat. Once the big bird lands the cage these birds are in will fall releasing a net attached to it (trapping the game bird) or the net will come up as the birds go down totally engulfing the game bird.

The fowler's snare may differ too I understand, but whatever the case, the bird is trapped.

Here's another thing that liars do whether they know it or not.

Here is a clip from the Darkwing Duck episode **A Brush With Oblivion**.

Cartoon Link:

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What do you see in this clip?

Honker sees a villain named Splatter Phoenix in some of the paintings and can't believe his eyes. He tries to tell anyone that will listening that Splatter is trying to rob the museum. I want to focus on Gosalyn again. Gosalyn, although she has her good points that we show in other lessons, has definitely been an attempted bad influence on Honker in the past at least, as she admitted teaching him to lie, however she was testifying to his truthfulness in the process (**the lessons never took**). This is an interesting set of dialogue. Luckily, Honker has not fallen into this same way of thinking.

All liars that think there is nothing wrong with this practice probably will attempt to teach others how to do the same.

In 2 Timothy 3: 13-14 (ASV), we see that this is a

very bad practice indeed.

2Ti 3:13 But evil men and impostors shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

2Ti 3:14 But abide thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

When we lie we are not following God's nature because God is truth.

For the ultimate in the character of a bad guy let's look at this last clip from The Super Mario Brothers Super Show Episode **The Great Gladiator Gig.**

Cartoon Link:

http://toonspirit.net/lessons_and_studies/159/Bad_Guy8.webm

What do you see in this clip?

This is a broken promise out of selfishness and murderous intentions.

In John 8: 31-47 (NIV) we see harsh, but true words from our Lord about who liars are, in this case, speaking to the Pharisees.

31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.

32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

33 They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?”

34 Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.

35 Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever.

36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

37 I know that you are Abraham's descendants. Yet you are looking for a way to kill me, because you have no room for my word.

38 I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence, and you are doing what you have heard from your father."

39 "Abraham is our father," they answered.

"If you were Abraham's children," said Jesus, "then you would do what Abraham did.

40 As it is, you are looking for a way to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things.

41 You are doing the works of your own father."

“We are not illegitimate children,” they protested.
“The only Father we have is God himself.”

42 Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I have come here from God. I have not come on my own; God sent me.

43 Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say.

44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

45 Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me!

46 Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don’t you believe me?

47 Whoever belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.”

The devil is definitely a murderer and a liar, along with any other evil you can think of. The devil always thinks it's nice to be a bad guy that lies a lot.

In Matthew 7: 15-20 (ISV), Jesus talks about the results of true and false hearts.

Mat 7:15 "Beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are savage wolves.

Mat 7:16 You will know them by their fruit. Grapes aren't gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles, are they?

Mat 7:17 In the same way, every good tree produces good fruit, but a rotten tree produces bad fruit.

Mat 7:18 A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, and a rotten tree cannot produce good fruit.

Mat 7:19 Every tree that doesn't produce good fruit

will be cut down and thrown into a fire.

Mat 7:20 So by their fruit you will know them."

God is the only one that can save us from deceiving and being deceived and being like the Devil, Buddy "Liquidator" Flood, Gosalyn and King Koopa.

This is God's character; it's truth.

Look at Psalm 25: 8-10 (ASV)

Psa 25:8 Good and upright is Jehovah: Therefore will he instruct sinners in the way.

Psa 25:9 The meek will he guide in justice; And the meek will he teach his way.

Psa 25:10 All the paths of Jehovah are lovingkindness and truth Unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

God is our protector and the only one there is to get out of our spiritual traps and lies.

Look at Psalm 91 (ASV)

Psa 91:1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Psa 91:2 I will say of Jehovah, He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in whom I trust.

Psa 91:3 For he will deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, And from the deadly pestilence.

Psa 91:4 He will cover thee with his pinions, And under his wings shalt thou take refuge: His truth is a shield and a buckler.

Psa 91:5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night, Nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

Psa 91:6 For the pestilence that walketh in darkness, Nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

Psa 91:7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, And ten thousand at thy right hand; *But* it shall not come nigh thee.

Psa 91:8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold, And see the reward of the wicked.

Psa 91:9 For thou, O Jehovah, art my refuge! Thou hast made the Most High thy habitation;

Psa 91:10 There shall no evil befall thee, Neither shall any plague come nigh thy tent.

Psa 91:11 For he will give his angels charge over thee, To keep thee in all thy ways.

Psa 91:12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, Lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Psa 91:13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: The young lion and the serpent shalt thou trample under foot.

Psa 91:14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

Psa 91:15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble: I will deliver him, and honor him.

Psa 91:16 With long life will I satisfy him, And show him my salvation.

What have we learned with this lesson?

Jesus says it best about we have learned.

Let's look at John 10: 10 (ASV)

Joh 10:10 The thief cometh not, but that he may steal, and kill, and destroy: I came that they may have life, and may have *it* abundantly.

The Bible is pretty clear that murders, thefts and lies are in the same family they are definitely kindred spirits and all very evil. Because lies are meant to steal a lot of times, they are closely related.

We need to always remember this and not be like our liars in this lesson Stay away from greed and selfishness. May God teach us truth and nothing but the truth.