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Don't lie, just trust God! Letters to the Bishop

Bishop:

Just wanted to take time and tell you how much my husband and I enjoyed reading your recent columns on "Don't lie, just trust God!"

We also made our twelve year old son read aloud to us your columns on lying as well. My husband and I don't know when it started, how it started and why it started, but our son lies about any and everything. At first my husband and I laughed it off when he would lie, but now it's not funny at all. We sent him to a counselor because it's covered under our Health Plan and after the counselor talked to us about the session, we found out he even lied to the counselor on many of the questions the counselor asked him.

But Bishop thanks so much because you have a way of hitting issues hard, yet at the same time the reader can almost laugh as well as cry because it's so real and meaningful in what you're saying.

My husband and I, with many others who read Bishop Speaks, shall continue to keep you in our prayers and thanks for giving so much back to the community through your Ministry.

Bishop Moultry:

I was in traffic court last week and after what I saw several times in the courtroom I knew I was going to write you.

First, a guy went before the court and the Judge asked him if he had auto insurance when he was stopped by the police. The guy stated yes and a minute later after the Judge read something, she asked him again and again he stated, "YES." Then the judge asked him why he had lied to her. He responded, "I didn't want you to suspend my license." The Judge came down on him hard and I remembered your Bishop Speaks columns on lying.

Bishop what really got to me was even after people in the courtroom were caught in a lie by the judge; others went before her and also were caught in a lie. The Judge finally said, "Anybody else I catch in a lie will be going to jail for ten days." That judge was serious Bishop.

I agree 100% with you, that it's best to tell the truth and leave the rest up to God.

Bishop:

I catch my husband in lies all the time and it's really affecting our marriage. He lied just this morning on something really dumb and when I asked him why he had to lie, his response was, "'Cause I didn't want to hear your mouth giving me a lecture." Bishop, how can a marriage be a true marriage when there is no trust? His lying is so bad that even when I know he's telling the truth I go and check behind the facts to make sure the facts ARE TRUE. I know it sounds crazy but that's how bad it has become in me having no trust in him.

I do know that if he does not get some professional help this marriage is not going to last. I read to him all your articles on lying and also reminded him he was a Deacon at his church. He told me he was going to do better and I didn't even believe that, my response was, "What, do better at lying?"

I don't know Bishop if I asked a question or if I just had to vent my anger, but thanks for all you do and say in encouraging your readers through Bishop Speaks.

Bishop Moultry:

The first time my son lied to me I busted his lip. It happened so fast and I told him after he got up off the floor that I was sorry, but that he should never lie to his father, his mother, or anyone. Now my son is fifty-eight-years-old and never has lied to me or his mother since. He told his wife on Fathers Day, when they took me and his mother out, what I did and he said he can feel his lip getting big even if he thinks about lying.

Now, I'm not saying we should knock people out when they lie, but it helped my son be the man he is today, a man who does not lie for any reason. My son's wife even said, "If I get up in the morning and look bad he even tells me, "baby you look a mess."

Bishop, continue to keep it 100, as the youth of today say.

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