

Genesis: Back to Obedience
Truth Matters
Genesis 20:1-18

G. K. Chesterton wrote, “We make our friends and enemies, but God appoints our next-door neighbor.” We have much to do with how we relate to one another, how we interact with and treat the people in our spheres of influence. Next-door neighbors are close in proximity and can be blessing. They can also be a problem. It is helpful to remember that they think that way about us, too.

1. Lying compromises our character.
2. Lying compromises our testimony.
3. Lying compromises our ministry.
4. Lying compromises our children.

If we are going to be faithful to the Great Commandment, to love and love others, and be obedient to the Great Commission, to take the gospel to the nations, then we need must be willing to live integrated lives. We must live in action what we profess in words. Integrity matters because it is the only way the gospel is shared with credibility. Hypocrisy doesn't just damage our testimony; it becomes a stumbling block to those who have yet to embrace Christ and become citizens of His kingdom.