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**SUNDAY**

Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.  
 Worship.....10:20 a.m.  
 Worship.....5:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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## ON THE HOME FRONT

This week's article contains a Facebook blog from Victor Eskew who preaches for the church in Jacksonville Florida. Victor is a faithful gospel preacher who is not only a brother in Christ but a long- time friend of mine. I found this blog thought provoking and will be of interest to the reader:

### LYING RIGHT TO OUR FACES

As a parent, have you ever had a child lie right to your face? You know they are lying. They know they are lying. They know you know they are lying. But, they lie anyways. You look at your child, and say: "Unreal."

As an employer, have you ever had an employee lie right to your face. You know they are lying. The employee knows he is lying. The employee knows you know he is lying. But, he lies anyway. You think to yourself: "How can this be?"

As a teacher, have you ever had a student lie right to your face. You know he is lying. The student knows he is lying. The student knows you know he is lying. But, he lies anyway. You look at the student, and say: "You've got to be kidding me."

We could multiply these situations over and over again in our lives. It is upsetting when someone intentionally lies to us. We get especially angry when we KNOW the person KNOWS that he/she is lying, yet he/she persists in trying to pawn off the deception.

This is how much of the American public feels about the present administration in Washington, D.C. We know they are lying. They know they are lying. They know that we know they are lying. But, they lie anyway.

LIE #1: The border is under control when thousands of illegal immigrants are coming into our country every day. The picture, the videos, and the bus loads of individuals being transported throughout our nation do not lie.

LIE #2: The economy is stronger than it has ever been. Yet, we see the prices of gas and groceries are higher than ever. Our utilities bills have gone up 50% to 60 % in the last two or three months. Interest rates continue to creep up and up. And, we have lost thousands in our retirement accounts over the last several months. The facts do not lie.

LIE #3: Climate change is the biggest threat that the world faces today. But, those who advocate for climate change still drive their SUVs to all their events. They fly privately or first-class all over the world. They purchase three and four homes. They will even purchase homes right on the beach. (This is odd since we are told the polar caps are melting and the oceans are rising and will eventually flood all of our beaches). Their hypocrisy exposes the lies that they tell the public.

LIE #4: Clean energy is better than coal, oil, and gas. Yet, it takes all three of these things to produce the batteries for "clean" cars. Thousands and thousands of acres of land are being polluted with solar panels and wind turbines. Products that are said to help make the environment better are produced by companies overseas who could care less about the environment. Too, we purchase electric cars, then we are told that we cannot charge them so they will be ready the next day. Yes, they try to hide their lies, but it is hard to hide reality.

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LIE #5: MAGA Republicans are terrorists and racists. My friends, this group of people make up a very large section of the United States. Most people who are on the left know individuals who are MAGA Republicans. They are their family members and close friends. They have known these individuals for years. They know that these individuals are not a threat to our nation. They never have been and never will be. They are simply conservative, hard- working people who love the United States. Surely, the lies will not cause us to turn on our family and friends that we know so well.

LIE #6: Guns are evil and kill people. Guns are inanimate objects. In order for a gun to fire, a person has to load the gun and pull the trigger. If a gun goes off, it is not the gun's fault. A person, a human being, is responsible for it. If a gun is put on a table, it will never fire, even if it is there 1,000 years. It will only fire if a person loads it and pulls the trigger. But, all we hear is: "Guns are bad." No, the people who misuse guns are bad, evil, and wicked. We have an evil people or sick people problem, not a gun problem. There are literally millions of guns in the possession of citizens of our nation. Only a few of them have ever been used to kill others. How is this possible, if guns are killing people? These lies are told right to our faces every day. We KNOW they are lying. They KNOW they are lying. But, they hope that we will believe their lies anyway.

Sadly, some swallow their lies hook, line, and sinker. In fact, they swallow their lies KNOWING that they are lies. We wonder: "Why?" What is the value in believing a lie? Lies are rooted in the evil one (John 8:44) and have never improved the lives of anyone. Lies only bring harm and destruction. If you are not convinced of this, go back and read the account of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden (Gen. 3).

An individual responded to Victor's blog:

I thought that you were supposed to be a preacher, but sounds like you are trying to be a politician instead. Sad. Not your job. How about just preaching the Bible and leave politics out of it.

Victor: Two points: First, it was God who ordained government (Rom. 13:1). In other words, government is a Bible subject. Second, lying is addressed in the Bible. It is wrong to lie regardless of who does it, including our government officials. When they lie, they need to be held accountable. (NOTE: I am a citizen of the United States. I have a right to confront my elected officials. They are supposed to be OUR public servants). One additional note. I am free to use my FB post for any type of writing I desire. I am not limited to the Bible just because I am a minister.

Yes. But your words and opinions are taken as absolute truth by some without question. Unfortunately some people don't know how to think for themselves and look to others for guidance. And your opinion is just that. An opinion. Presented on a religious platform.

Victor: when did a FB page become a religious platform? I am free to discuss anything on my page I desire. I have NEVER intended it be solely religious. That is your assumption. Too, if I said something that is not the truth, then please tell me. You did not do that. You just rebuked me because it involved politics.

Victor wrote another blog in response to the individual statements:

AS A PREACHER, YOU CAN ONLY POST RELIGIOUS THINGS

The title of this post has been expressed to me by three or four individuals over the course of the last 10 years when I began to make my daily posts.

The statement usually comes after I have made a post about politics that someone did not like. Instead of discussing the topics I address, they simply tell me that since I am a preacher I should stick to religious things.

That is like saying:

An electrician can only post about electrical things.

A plumber can only post about plumbing subjects.

A teacher can only post about teaching.

A stay-at-home mom can only post about her home.

A Walmart worker can only post about Walmart.

An Amazon worker can only post about Amazon.

A hairdresser can only post about hairstyles.

Yet, none of them are chastise when they post about things different than their occupations.

Dear readers, we are more than our work.

We are spouses.

We are parents.

We are people who have hobbies.

We are grandparents.

We are citizens of our community, state, and nation.

We are neighbors.

We are customers.

We are business owners.

We are pet owners.

We are people who have daily experiences.

We are people who are flawed.

We are people who have likes and dislikes.

We are people who have special talents in several areas.

We are people who read and study multiple subjects.

All of the things listed above, and more, are things that people can write about in their FB posts.

I thought that we lived in a nation that has as its First Amendment, Freedom of Speech. If so, then let's allow each other that right. If we start restricting that right to others, it will not be long before that right could be taken from us.

If you disagree about a post, discuss it.

If you do not like a post, go to another post that you like.

We live in a "crazy" world today. We must think, talk, act, and live as other people want us to think, talk, act, and live. The question is: "Who sets the standard as to 'how' all are to do these things?"

Dear readers, I am a preacher, but I am much more than just a preacher. As long as I have my right to freedom of speech, I will post about things that interest me, are of a concern to me, and things that I hope might assist others.

NOTE: I respect your right to do the same!