

Why do people falsely accuse others so easily?

It seems like every day we hear reports of numerous people lying to others or accusing another person of some heinous crime.

1. What do people hope to accomplish by accusing others?

Genesis **3:11-13**

Genesis **12:11-13**

Genesis **20:9-11**

Joshua **2:1-6**

Matthew **26:59-66**

From the very beginning, the mouths of people have been filled with lying and deceit. One of the things they hope to accomplish is by accusing another, then hopefully the authorities will focus on the other person and forget about you. When lying or accusing other people, the intent is sometime self preservation. If they tell they truth they are afraid that something bad will happen to them. Sometimes lies are told because the person feels trapped with no other way of escape. To tell the truth would put innocent people in danger of their lives. To lie would be a sin against God for lying but the innocent lives would be spared. By accusing others falsely, people are also seeking out the condemnation of someone they greatly dislike.

2. What are people convinced of about their deceitfulness?

Psalms **94:4-7**

Deuteronomy **19:18-19**

Matthew **26:59**

John **16:1-3**

Acts **6:12-15**

False witnesses are convinced that their lies and deceit will never be uncovered and that their lies will never be exposed. They are convinced that through their lies they can bring out the condemnation of another person. In their mind, the target of their lies deserves to be greatly punished and if it takes a lie to bring it about, it is acceptable. Many are convinced that they are doing the will of God.

3. What information to people forget?

1 Kings **8:38-39**

2 Chronicles **6:30**

Psalms **44:21**

John **2:24-25**

1 Samuel **16:7**

Matthew **10:26**

Revelation **20:12**

People who falsely accuse others or lie about them have forgotten that their lies will be uncovered and exposed because God sees them and knows about them. It is God who will also judge man by their hidden actions and by the thoughts of their hearts. It is God who knows even the status of our heart.

4. What do we need to remember?

Jeremiah **17:9-10**

Genesis **6:5**

Psalms **58:3**

Romans **1:28-32**

Matthew **5:33-37**
Romans **12:19-21**

Matthew **12:36-37**

By nature every human being is deceitful, naturally wicked, proclaiming lies for numerous reasons. By nature we are all liars and deceivers seeking to protect our own interests and not that interested in the lives and status of others. Nor are we naturally interested in the things of eternity. It is evident that people know that lies and deceitfulness ought to be punished, at least when they are either the subject of lies or the ones being lied to. By nature, we reject the idea that our lying to others is received about as well as them lying to us. As Christians we need to seek only communicating truth, but in love and not to hurt. Furthermore, we know that revenge belongs to God and to God alone. When someone lies about us or to us, we are not to seek out our view of “justice” although we ought to seek for the truth to be revealed.