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1 Samuel 15:20

“And Saul said to Samuel, “Yes, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me.” 1 Samuel 15:20

Lying to yourself is dangerous, but lying to the man of God when he is under the anointing is extremely dangerous! “‘You have not lied to men but unto God’, And Ananias, hearing these words fell down and died, and great fear came on all them that heard these things.” (Acts 5:4-5)

It is foundational to a character of excellence that we be honest with ourselves – that we be able to “judge ourselves” so that “we should not be judged.” (1 Corinthians 11:31). The ability to accurately evaluate ourselves is necessary if we are to grow into mature saints. The psalmist asks the question, “LORD, who shall abide in Your Tabernacle? Who shall dwell in Your holy hill?” The response is an immediate one – “He that walks uprightly, works righteousness and speaks the truth in his heart.” (Psalm 15:1-2)

Speaking the truth in our hearts opens us to the abiding presence of the Spirit. Do you like hanging around with liars, thieves, etc? I didn’t think so, well, neither does God! To grieve away the Spirit of God by our choosing to live a lie is to miss the opportunity to have the best Helper, best Friend, and best Advisor “on site.” For when He comes to abide He carries with Him all the Father’s wisdom, blessing and power willingly making it available to us and through us!