

A Drought of Truth?

Have you been shopping lately? Many of us do some shopping every week to some degree. I read the following story recently and wanted to share it with you. It is funny but also contains a good lesson. I can certainly imagine a scene like this unfolding in any number of stores.

A store manager heard his clerk tell a customer, “No ma’am we haven’t had any for a while, and it doesn’t look as if we’ll be getting any soon...”

Horrified, the manager came running over to the customer and said, “Of course we’ll have some soon! We placed an order last week.” Then the manager drew the clerk aside. “Never,” he snarled, “never, never, never say we’re out of anything; say we’ve got it on order and it’s coming. Now, what was it she wanted anyway?”

The clerk replied, “Rain.”

It would be hard to be that clerk and not smile after watching the manager make a fool of himself before he knew what he was talking about! Sadly, the manager’s problem wasn’t just a matter of speaking out of turn; he was willing to say anything in an effort to make his store look good and in hopes of maximizing sales. He didn’t want the woman going elsewhere to buy whatever he thought she wanted, so he was willing to lie – and even order his clerk to lie – to try to keep the woman’s business. In this case, however, his lying made him look like a fool, at the very least. More significantly, he has proven himself to be lacking in integrity. Anyone who is willing to say anything to try to look good is not to be trusted. Their compliments are hollow and their explanations are not to be believed.

Let us consider Proverbs 12:22 - **“Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, But those who deal truthfully are His delight.”**

We all are tempted to lie at times for various reasons, but don’t give in to it! God knows when we stretch the truth or utter lies we think are small and harmless. Remember, lying lips are an abomination before Almighty God! If we deal truthfully at home, at work, and in all other situations, God will delight in us.

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