

that is absolutely not condoned in the Scripture. On the other hand the Scripture does not say that it is everybody's duty to tell everybody else anything they want to know about that person and if the other person gets a wrong impression about you in some way that it is your duty to inform them of everything which might enter into their ideas about you. That is not ~~proper~~ taught in the Scripture. So in between the two there is a line which is not always easy to grasp. We cannot draw the line by jumping to one extreme or the other. I think that we must say that there are two elements to a lie. There is one element of something being verbally forced. That is one element of it. Another aspect of it is, "Is there an intention to deceive a person, to give them an impression regarding something which is their right to know which is opposite to the truth?" I think there are those two aspects of it. There is the aspect of a verbal nature of the words, and there is also the aspect of the intention and the affect upon the other person. I think it is a question which there are very many passages in Scripture which have to be taken into consideration in connection with it. If you have a thousand dollars hidden in your house somewhere which you haven't been able to bank yet, and if a burglar comes in and he says, "Tell me, where is your money?", it is not your duty to go and show him where it is. The Scripture nowhere teaches that. There is a difference between the idea that you have to answer any question that anybody asks you and the matter of lying. Now just where to draw the line is sometimes somewhat difficult. The Scripture teaches both principles. The Scripture teaches that on the one hand that all lying is wrong. On the other hand there are illustrations in the Scripture not merely where good men have fallen into wrong. We, of course, should not be misled by the wrong act of the good man, but they are illustrations which God has specifically ordered a man to do something or where a man in connection with the carrying out of the duty which God has laid upon him has done something which at first sight appears to be deceptive or lying. Now in such a case we have to take the attitude that that the Scripture is the authority and not we. We do not have an idea in our mind what is lying<sup>and</sup> therefore we can