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## A House of Lies

*He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. —Jesus*

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit...?" (1 Corinthians 6:19)

My twelve-year-old son recently started taking lessons from a retired mini-tour player. After making an adjustment to his swing, the instructor asked how far he thought he was taking the club back now, and my son answered, "Just past my hip."

The instructor then recorded his swing on video and showed him that the shaft reached a full parallel position at the top.

My son was not intentionally lying—he simply could not see the reality of his own swing. He needed someone with a different perspective to reveal the truth, because in golf, what we believe inevitably shapes how we swing.

The spiritual life works much the same way. The deeper issue is often less about the visible outcome and more about the hidden lie we fail to recognize. The spiritual conflict in our world—and within ourselves—is ultimately not complicated.

At its core, it is a battle between truth and lies. Jesus said that Satan "was a murderer from the beginning" and "the father of lies" (John 8:44). Deception is his native language, and many of the destructive patterns in our lives are rooted in falsehoods we have unknowingly embraced.

The Christian life, then, involves the ongoing process of deconstructing lies and re-constructing the inner life so that it aligns with Truth.

One sign of genuine conversion is a growing desire for Scripture because the Holy Spirit immediately begins tearing down false mental architecture and rebuilding an inner world that reflects the life of Jesus.

Paul the Apostle frequently speaks about renewing the mind, taking every thought captive, and tearing down arguments that exalt themselves against the knowledge of God.

Real transformation involves identifying false thoughts, dismantling distorted beliefs, and rebuilding the internal architecture of the soul.

This process is not merely a remodel of the inner life; it is a complete demolition and reconstruction. In Mere Christianity, C. S. Lewis describes it this way:

"Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what He is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on; you knew those jobs needed doing, so you are not surprised. But presently, he starts knocking

the house about in a way that hurts abominably and does not seem to make any sense. What on earth is He up to? The explanation is that He is building quite a different house from the one you thought of—throwing out a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers, making courtyards. You thought you were being made into a decent little cottage, but He is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it Himself.”

This is not a slight swing correction. The old house of lies must be dismantled to its foundation so that the new temple God is building can rise in its place.

As Corinthians 6:19 declares, we are becoming a temple of the Holy Spirit, rebuilt one brick at a time. Each lie—and there are thousands accumulated over a lifetime—must be torn down and replaced with living truth.

**Prayer: “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.” (Psalm 51:10)**

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