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# Face to Face

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*"The desire of a man is his kindness: and a poor man is better than a liar." Proverbs 19:22*

Today you see this to be true. So many people want to do good. We see this, all the churches in our city, rallying together to help folks out with food. The churches, as a whole, want to see the lost saved. So we constantly have functions for the community to help them to see how Jesus loves them.

When we read Proverbs 19:22, the first part, we see that to be true. "The desire of a man is his kindness..." We are built that way. We appease our souls by our kindness to others. That is why, when we are rude or mean, we tend to have a dismal outlook on life and ourselves. If we are wise, we become harsh on ourselves for the unkind act and wish we could take all back, and then seek for forgiveness. Whereas when we do a kindness, we pat ourselves on the back and sleep well at night.

Let us look at Proverbs 19:22 the second part: "and a poor man is better than a liar". Obviously the poor is better than liars. The poor is time and chance. Poor people don't wake up one day and say, "Gee, I would love to go through life in poverty." No, they are stuck in a life that perhaps the choices made, the household they grew up in set their path or life happened. Nevertheless, the poor are always with us and they need help at times.

However, Liars choose their course, choose their words. They make a moral choice to deceive. You cannot trust a liar. You never know where they stand and what they are up to.

Can we honestly compare the poor to the liars? Is every poor person truthful? Is every non-poor person a liar? Not quite. If you have to lie to get to the top, then your character is already marred. Considering the wise man who was poor; in Ecclesiastes.

<sup>13</sup>This wisdom have I seen also under the sun, and it seemed great unto me: <sup>14</sup>There was a little city, and few men within it; and there came a great king against it, and besieged it, and built great bulwarks against it: <sup>15</sup>Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man." Ecclesiastes 9:13-15

Once, I bought a vehicle from a liar. I regretted it every minute I had that vehicle. The vehicle was a money pit. I should have bought a brand new vehicle, because I put just as much money into that vehicle, if not more than a brand new one. If I would have stuck to my first decision as not to



purchase the van, I would have been much better off. But I dealt with a liar. And with a liar comes deceit. Nothing is as it seems with a liar.

Liars have their place in the lake of fire. Liars are anti-Christ. Liars even falsify friendship. Liars must rely on God to clean them up. They must first admit to lying. God can take away any vice that has a strong hold on you. ANY vice; whether it is lying, or addictions, gossip, adultery, witchcraft, etc.

We Christians are not perfect, but are being perfected. Let us help one another in our quest to be saved. Show the Love of God. We need to see beyond the sinful nature and let God take care of the rest.

So when it comes to human interface (in-their-face). Look everyone in the eye and let your KINDNESS show! Don't be judgmental and don't turn your nose up, but allow gentleness; allow mercy and grace show on your face. : )

*"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Ephesians 4:32*

