

Doctrine of Characteristics of Lying Lips

1. Lying lips are full of deceit.
 - *Proverbs 12:17 He that speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness: but a false witness deceit.*

2. Lying lips speak words that wound.
 - *Proverbs 12:18 There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health.*

3. Lying lips are temporary, while truth is established forever.
 - *Proverbs 12:19 The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue is but for a moment.*

4. Lying lips express evil thoughts.
 - *Proverbs 12:20 Deceit is in the heart of them that imagine evil: but to the counsellors of peace is joy.*

5. Eventual ensnarement.
 - *Proverbs 12:21 There shall no evil happen to the just: but the wicked shall be filled with mischief.*

6. Incurring of divine wrath.
 - *Proverbs 12:22 Lying lips are abomination to the Lord: but they that deal truly are his delight.*

Kings of Italy and Bohemia both promised safe transport and safe custody to the great pre-Reformation Bohemian reformer, John Hus. Both, however, broke their promises, leading to Hus's martyrdom in 1415. Earlier, Thomas Wentworth had carried a document signed by King Charles I which read, "*Upon the word of a king you shall not suffer in life, honour, or fortune.*" It was not long, however, before Wentworth's death warrant was signed by the same monarch! (*Today in the Word*, April, 1989).