

"Lie #5"

Arriving at lie #5:

If:

I acknowledge my desperate need for salvation
I believe that God loves me unconditionally
I trust in God's saving and transforming grace
I confess humbly all my sins and failures

Then:

I can be assured of my salvation
I should enjoy freedom from my guilt
I will experience improvement in my life

So:

Isn't that all I really need?

Lie #5: Better is good enough

The problems with settling for better:

Better nearly always results in backsliding
Better accepts the problem of carnality
Better settles for less than God's best

So what are we really talking about?

God's cleansing grace from all unrighteousness
God's sanctifying grace for holiness
God's transforming grace into Christ-likeness

What are we really not talking about?

Sinless perfectionism
Elimination of all human faults
A need for continued growth

So what must I do?

Desire all that God offers earnestly
Submit my life totally to God's grace
Depend totally on God's transforming work
Trust completely in God's faithfulness
Obey God's will for my life

Hebrews 12:14

14 Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

Hebrews 6:1-3

6:1 Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, 2 instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. 3 And God permitting, we will do so.

Philippians 3:12-16

12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

15 All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. 16 Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

Romans 12:1-2

12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-this is your spiritual act of worship. 2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-his good, pleasing and perfect will.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

23 May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

Life's 8 Great Lies

Lie #1: I'm not that bad

Truth: Realize I'm not God. I admit that I am powerless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing and that my life is unmanageable.

Lie #2: God doesn't care

Truth: Earnestly believe that God exists, that I matter to Him, and that He has the power to help me be transformed.

Lie #3: I must maintain control

Truth: Consciously choose to commit all my life and will to Christ's care and sovereignty.

Lie #4: Secrets should remain secret

Truth: Openly examine and confess my faults to myself, to God, and to someone I trust.

Lie #5: _____

Truth: By faith submit to every change God wants to make in my life and humbly ask Him to transform me into His likeness.

Lie #6:

Truth:

Lie #7:

Truth:

Lie #8:

Truth:



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