

I need help on how to confront my parents. They put me into a bad situation which makes me have to lie. I do not want to and I continually tell them I do not want to lie. What should I say to them?

Peter and the other apostles said that we ought to obey God rather than men (Ac 5:29). One should obey his parents (Ge 28:7; Eph 6:1)—except when his parents' guidance comes into conflict with God's word (Ex 1:15–17; Da 6:4–10). Christians are committed to the truth (1 Jn 2:21–27, Re 14:5; 21:27). They should not speak lies (Ex 20:16; Dt 5:20, Zeph 3:13).¹

The apostle Paul said, “Such *were* some of you” (1 Co 6:11). The unredeemed were: fornicators, idolaters, adulterers, Sodomites, thieves, covetous, drunkards, revilers and extortioners (vv. 9-10); But after one is: washed, sanctified and justified by God's Spirit, he becomes an ex-sinner. He no longer sins because the Holy Spirit lives in him (1 Jn 3:9).

Tell your parents that you love them; but, you cannot oblige. Ask them to provide guidance which you can follow—a course which would not cause you (Ps 120:2, Eph 4:25) to dishonor God (Eph 4:25, Tt 2:1, 8).

¹ Lying is permitted to preserve life (Jn 10:10) [e.g. war strategy]. “In several instances the Scriptures appear to commend people for using deception to gain a desired end. By deception the Hebrew midwives preserved the lives of many Hebrew male babies while the Israelites were in Egypt (Ex 1:15–21). Rahab the prostitute saved the Israelite spies from certain death by hiding them and telling their pursuers that they had already left the city of Jericho; because of this act, which demonstrated her faith in Yahweh, Rahab and her family were preserved when the Israelites killed everyone else in Jericho (Josh. 2; 6:17, 22–25). Ehud deceived Eglon the king of Moab by using words that could be interpreted in two ways. After presenting tribute to Eglon, Ehud requested a private session to reveal “a message from God.” The “message” was delivered in the form of a sword that Ehud thrust into Eglon's abdomen, thereby delivering the Israelites from Moabite oppression (Jgs. 3:15–30). Jael lured the exhausted Sisera into her tent with a promise of security and, after soothing him to sleep with warm milk, drove a tent peg through his head (Jgs. 4:17–22). She is praised for this act that destroyed a great enemy of Israel (5:24–27). Wead, D. W. (1979–1988). Lie; Lying. In G. W. Bromiley (Ed.), *The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia, Revised* (Vol. 3, p. 128). Wm. B. Eerdmans.

“...[S]ometimes the deliverance or very survival of God's people was brought about through deception (e.g., Exod. 1:19–21; Josh. 2:4–5 [cf. Heb. 11:31]; Judg. 4:18–21; 5:24–27)...”. Myers, A. C. (1987). In *The Eerdmans Bible dictionary* (p. 670). Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans.