



Deceit

What is the meaning of deceit?

What does Deception mean according to Merriam-Webster?

1a: The act of causing someone to accept as true or valid what is false or invalid: the act of deceiving (resorting to falsehood and deception). Used deception to leak the classified information

b: The fact or condition of being deceived (the deception of his audience)

2: Something that deceives: TRICK (fooled by a scam artist's clever deception)

Deceit: Most Relevant Verses

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- ✓ Deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man. (Mark 7:22-23, NASB95)
- ✓ The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? (Jeremiah 17:9, NIV)
- ✓ You will destroy those who tell lies. The LORD detests murderers and deceivers. (Psalm 5:6, NLT2)
- ✓ Don't testify against your neighbors without cause; don't lie about them. (Proverbs 24:28, NLT2)
- ✓ If you want to enjoy life and see many happy days, keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies. (1 Peter 3:10, NLT2)
- ✓ I will not allow deceivers to serve in my house, and liars will not stay in my presence. (Psalm 101:7, NLT2)
- ✓ Save me, O LORD, from lying lips and from deceitful tongues. (Psalm 120:2, NIV)
- ✓ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore do not be partners with them. (Ephesians 5:6-7, NIV)



- ✓ So get rid of all evil behavior. Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all unkind speech. (1 Peter 2:1, NLT2)
- ✓ The plans of the righteous are just, but the advice of the wicked is deceitful. (Proverbs 12:5, NIV)
- ✓ Everything they say is crooked and deceitful. They refuse to act wisely or do good. (Psalm 36:3, NLT2)
- ✓ You have been deceived by your own pride. (Obadiah 1:3, NLT2)
- ✓ We will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. (Ephesians 4:14, NIV)
- ✓ "You live in the midst of deception; in their deceit they refuse to acknowledge me," declares the LORD. (Jeremiah 9:6, NIV)
- ✓ A truthful witness saves lives, but a false witness is deceitful. (Proverbs 14:25, NIV)
- ✓ People may cover their hatred with pleasant words, but they're deceiving you. They pretend to be kind, but don't believe them. Their hearts are full of many evils. While their hatred may be concealed by trickery, their wrongdoing will be exposed in public. (Proverbs 26:24-26, NLT2)
- ✓ The wisdom of the sensible is to understand his way, but the foolishness of fools is deceit. (Proverbs 14:8, NASB95)
- ✓ Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit. (Psalm 32:2, NIV)
- ✓ Bloodthirsty and deceitful men will not live out half their days. (Psalm 55:23, NIV)
- ✓ Their tongue is a deadly arrow; it speaks with deceit. With his mouth each speaks cordially to his neighbor, but in his heart, he sets a trap for him. (Jeremiah 9:8, NIV)

Lying

- ✓ I hate and abhor lying, but I love Your law. (Psalm 119:163, NKJV)



- ✓ Do not lie. (Leviticus 19:11, NIV)
- ✓ My lips will not speak wickedness, and my tongue will utter no deceit. (Job 27:4, NIV)
- ✓ You destroy those who tell lies. (Psalm 5:6, NIV)
- ✓ Not a word from their mouth can be trusted; their heart is filled with destruction. Their throat is an open grave; with their tongue they speak deceit. (Psalm 5:9, NIV)
- ✓ Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies. (Psalm 34:13, NIV)
- ✓ All day long you plot destruction. Your tongue cuts like a sharp razor; you're an expert at telling lies. You love evil more than good and lies more than truth. (Psalm 52:2-3, NLT2)
- ✓ These wicked people are born sinners; even from birth they have lied and gone their own way. (Psalm 58:3, NLT2)
- ✓ They take delight in lies. With their mouths they bless, but in their hearts they curse. (Psalm 62:4, NIV)
- ✓ Keep me from lying to myself; give me the privilege of knowing your instructions. (Psalm 119:29, NLT2)
- ✓ Rescue me, O LORD, from liars and from all deceitful people. (Psalm 120:2, NLT2)
- ✓ There are six things the LORD hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue (Proverbs 6:16-17, NIV)
- ✓ Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. Put on your new nature and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him. (Colossians 3:9-10, NLT2)
- ✓ Hiding hatred makes you a liar; slandered others makes you a fool. Too much talk leads to sin. Be sensible and keep your mouth shut. (Proverbs 10:18-19, NLT2)
- ✓ With their words, the godless destroy their friends. (Proverbs 11:9, NLT2)
- ✓ A truthful witness gives honest testimony, but a false witness tells lies. (Proverbs 12:17, NIV)



- ✓ The LORD detests lying lips, but he delights in those who tell the truth. (Proverbs 12:22, NLT2)
- ✓ A faithful witness will not lie but a false witness will utter lies. (Proverbs 14:5, KJV)
- ✓ So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body. (Ephesians 4:25, NLT2)
- ✓ The Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons. These people are hypocrites and liars, and their consciences are dead. (1 Timothy 4:1-2, NLT2)
- ✓ An evildoer listens to wicked lips; A liar pays attention to a destructive tongue. (Proverbs 17:4, NASB95)
- ✓ A liar will be destroyed. (Proverbs 19:9, NLT2)
- ✓ It is better to be a poor man than a liar. (Proverbs 19:22, NASB95)
- ✓ If you want to enjoy life and see many happy days, keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies. (1 Peter 3:10, NLT2)
- ✓ Getting treasures by a lying tongue is the fleeting fantasy of those who seek death. (Proverbs 21:6, NKJV)
- ✓ A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who speaks lies will not escape. (Proverbs 19:5, NKJV)
- ✓ A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who tells lies will not escape. (Psalm 101:7, NASB95)
- ✓ You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. (Exodus 20:16, NIV)
- ✓ Telling lies about others is as harmful as hitting them with an ax, wounding them with a sword, or shooting them with a sharp arrow. (Proverbs 25:18, NLT2)

Fraud

Do not defraud or rob your neighbor. Do not make your hired workers wait until the next day to receive their pay. (Leviticus 19:13, NLT2)



Suppose one of you sins against your associate and is unfaithful to the LORD. Suppose you cheat in a deal involving a security deposit, or you steal or commit fraud, or you find lost property and lie about it, or you lie while swearing to tell the truth, or you commit any other such sin. If you have sinned in any of these ways, you are guilty. You must give back whatever you stole, or the money you took by extortion, or the security deposit, or the lost property you found, or anything obtained by swearing falsely. You must make restitution by paying the full price plus an additional 20 percent to the person you have harmed. On the same day you must present a guilt offering. (Leviticus 6:2-5, NLT2)

The wicked borrows and does not pay back, but the righteous is gracious and gives. (Psalm 37:21, NASB95)

Don't make your living by extortion or put your hope in stealing. And if your wealth increases, don't make it the center of your life. (Psalm 62:10, NLT2)

Stolen bread tastes sweet, but it turns to gravel in the mouth. (Proverbs 20:17, NLT2)

Woe to him who builds his house without righteousness and his upper rooms without justice, who uses his neighbor's services without pay and does not give him his wages. (Jeremiah 22:13, NASB95)

No one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. (1 Thessalonians 4:6, NIV)

Hypocrisy

- ✓ For fools speak foolishness and make evil plans. They practice ungodliness. (Isaiah 32:6, NLT2)
- ✓ On the outside you appear to people as righteous but, on the inside, you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness. (Matthew 23:28, NIV)
- ✓ With his mouth the godless destroys his neighbor, but through knowledge the righteous escape. (Proverbs 11:9, NIV)
- ✓ We are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth. (1 John 1:6, NLT2)
- ✓ Get rid of all evil behavior. Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all unkind speech. (1 Peter 2:1, NLT2)



- ✓ Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. (James 4:8, NIV)
- ✓ The wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere. (James 3:17, NLT2)
- ✓ The Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons. These people are hypocrites and liars, and their consciences are dead. (1 Timothy 4:1-2, NLT2)
- ✓ What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are so careful to clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside you are filthy—full of greed and self-indulgence! (Matthew 23:25, NLT2)
- ✓ These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men. (Matthew 15:8-9, NIV)
- ✓ Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye. (Matthew 7:5, NLT2)
- ✓ When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. (Matthew 6:5, NLT2)
- ✓ When you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be honored by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. (Matthew 6:2, NASB95)

Flattery

- ✓ Their flattering lips speak with deception. (Psalm 12:2, NIV)
- ✓ May the LORD cut off all flattering lips and every boastful tongue. (Psalm 12:3, NIV)
- ✓ For in his own eyes he flatters himself too much to detect or hate his sin. (Psalm 36:2, NIV)



- ✓ They deceived Him with their mouth and lied to Him with their tongue. (Psalm 78:36, NASB95)
- ✓ Flattering words cause ruin. (Proverbs 26:28, NLT2)
- ✓ I won't play favorites or try to flatter anyone. For if I tried flattery, my Creator would soon destroy me. (Job 32:21-22, NLT2)
- ✓ In the end, people appreciate honest criticism far more than flattery. (Proverbs 28:23, NLT2)
- ✓ These men are grumblers and fault-finders; they follow their own evil desires; they boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage. (Jude 1:16, NIV)
- ✓ A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid a man who talks too much. (Proverbs 20:19, NIV)

Cheating

- ✓ The wages you failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. (James 5:4, NIV)
- ✓ All who cheat with dishonest weights and measures are detestable to the LORD your God. (Deuteronomy 25:16, NLT2)
- ✓ You shall not cheat your neighbor, nor rob him. (Leviticus 19:13, NKJV)
- ✓ Cursed is the cheat. (Malachi 1:14, NIV)
- ✓ The very fact that you have lawsuits among you means you have been completely defeated already. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated? Instead, you yourselves cheat and do wrong, and you do this to your brothers. Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. (1 Corinthians 6:7-9, NIV)

Honesty

- ✓ Better is a little with righteousness than great income with injustice. (Proverbs 16:8, NASB95)



- ✓ He who walks righteously and speaks what is right, who rejects gain from extortion and keeps his hand from accepting bribes, who stops his ears against plots of murder and shuts his eyes against contemplating evil—this is the man who will dwell on the heights, whose refuge will be the mountain fortress. His bread will be supplied, and water will not fail him. (Isaiah 33:15-16, NIV)
- ✓ Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. Put on your new nature and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him. (Colossians 3:9-10, NLT2)
- ✓ You shall not bear a false report. (Exodus 23:1, NASB95)
- ✓ Truthful words stand the test of time. (Proverbs 12:19, NLT2)
- ✓ He who speaks truth tells what is right. (Proverbs 12:17, NASB95)
- ✓ An honest answer is like a kiss of friendship. (Proverbs 24:26, NLT2)
- ✓ Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. (1 Timothy 2:2, NLT2)
- ✓ So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body. (Ephesians 4:25, NLT2)
- ✓ Truthful words stand the test of time but lies are soon exposed. (Proverbs 12:19, NLT2)
- ✓ As long as I live, while I have breath from God, my lips will speak no evil, and my tongue will speak no lies. (Job 27:3-4, NLT2)
- ✓ Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth. (Ephesians 6:14, NLT2)