

Those Who Do Not Practice Truth, 1 Jn 1:6; Principles: To Claim Fellowship with God while Living a Lie is Self-Deception; Those in the Light Live the Truth

22. The apodosis expresses the necessary consequence facing the believer that contends he has fellowship with God but at the same time is walking in darkness. The consequence is first of all lying as a result of self-deception and second, the failure to practice truth.
23. The apodosis continues with the conjunction **καί, kai** plus the negative conjunction **οὐ, ou**, translated “and do not.” What the cosmic believer does not do is found in the present active indicative of the verb:
- ποιέω, poieō** - “to practice” refers to facilitated wheel-tracks of righteousness which are not the practice of the cosmic believer.
- present: Progressive or Pictorial: Used to describe an action in progress, or in a state of persistence. As a pictorial progressive present it is used to denote the continuation of existing results; a fact that has come to be in the past, but is emphasized as a present reality. What the loser believer does not have a habit of doing is practicing the truth.
- active: Believers in the cosmic systems produce the action.
- indicative: Declarative for a statement of fact.
24. And finally the word for truth: **ἀλήθεια, alētheia**.
- 1 John 1:6 -** If we assert that we have continuous fellowship with God and continue to make choices for facilitated wheel-tracks in the sphere of the cosmic systems, therefore, we keep on lying because we keep on deceiving ourselves and we habitually do not practice the truth.
25. Principles from verse 6:
1. It is impossible for a believer to have fellowship with God while residing in the cosmic systems of arrogance and hatred.
 2. Fellowship with God cannot function except under the filling of the Holy Spirit inside the divine power system.
 3. It should be remembered that when a believer is not filled with the Spirit and thus not inside the system it does not mean that he is not saved.
 4. Salvation was a permanent imputation at the moment he placed his faith in Christ. But his choices to live in the cosmic systems destroy the possibility of spiritual growth and bring upon him the ravages of divine discipline.
 5. Therefore, a believer who claims to have fellowship with God, but whose life expresses categories of arrogance and hatred, is living a lie and he not only has deceived himself but he also deceives others.
 6. There is a difference between *telling* a lie and *living* a lie. To *tell* a lie means to make an untrue statement with intent to deceive.

7. But a person who *lives* a lie has so deceived himself that what he believes, thinks, says, and does is a product of the Dark Side. He believes what is false to be true and lives it and in the process often deceives others into believing the lie as well.
8. On the other hand, the positive believer who, by growing in grace, has built up a memory center filled with constellations of Bible doctrine. This person lives the truth.