

This topic is dear to me because of the amazing things that have happened to me and to others when the light and truth of the Holy Spirit begins to shine on the lies we have believed. Ps. 86:11-12 "Teach me thy ways Oh Lord **and I will walk in thy truth**. Give me an *undivided heart* that I may fear your name. I will Praise you Oh Lord My God **with all my heart**. I will praise your name forever. This scripture seems to indicate that if one does not desire or embrace the truth, that their heart is divided. *Not whole* before God.

Remember we discussed previously that as children we experience traumatic events that result in our believing things about ourselves, others, and even situations that just are not true.

Children have a tendency to misinterpret events, and in the midst of that confusion the enemy is more than ready to take advantage. He sets up an Ego State within the Child that causes them to filter everything through the lie they have believed as a child. However, this scenario is not exclusive to children. This can happen to an adult as well.

An example of this can be found in Genesis. Eve finds herself in the company of the Father of Lies. He began to speak to her, and say, "Hath God said"... (Gen 3:1). Then Satan basically says that God lied to you. He is afraid you will become as smart as he is (Gen: 3:5) Because the fruit is lovely to look at and she believes the Devil's lie, she makes a decision (chooses) to believe the lie of Satan.

Immediately Adam and Eve realizes that there is now a barrier established between them and God. So, what does this barrier produce. The first manifestation is shame. They knew they were naked (Gen.3:7) so they hid from God.

Why did they hide? The scripture say it was because they were afraid. (Gen.3:10) Then God ask Adam, who told you, you were naked? (Gen 3:11) They both began to blame. God knew who was really to blame. It was not until God walked in the garden and came into Adam and Eve 's presence, that Eve realized that she had been beguiled. (Gen.3:13)

Eve believed the lie of Satan and then began to filter every future experience through that lie. The result? **Shame, fear, and blame**. Wow.

What about you? What lie of Satan have we believed?

To be wholehearted before God should be the ultimate quest of every one of us. Our hearts are deceitful (Jer.17:9) That is because we don't even know that we have believed lies and set up barriers between us and God. Uncovering lies is usually very painful, and often requires a facilitator to get through the process. But the pain is well worth the gain. Deeper intimacy with God.

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