

Three Deadly Lies
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1 John 4:20-21 If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. 21 And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother. (NIV)

The three areas of the deadly lies: moral, doctrinal and social.

The first deadly lie is first found in: 1 John 1:6

1 John 1:6 If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. (NIV)

1 John 2:4 The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. (NIV)

This is the lie revealed in the moral arena.

The second deadly lie is first found in 1 John 2:22.

1 John 2:22 Who is the liar? It is the man who denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a man is the antichrist-- he denies the Father and the Son. (NIV)

This is the lie revealed in the doctrinal arena.

The third deadly lie is first found in 1 John 4:20

1 John 4:20 If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. (NIV)

This is the lie revealed in the social arena.

Acts 10:9-19

Acts 10:28

Galatians 2:11-13

In the practical application of our lives, these three deadly lies have to do with obedience, belief and love.

1. Moral=obedience
2. Doctrinal=belief
3. Social=love

1 John 5:1-3 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. 2 This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. 3 This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, (NIV)

Why God's commands are not a burden:

1. They are a response to a mutual love.
2. They are a response to our trust and our faith.

1 John 5:11-13 And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. NIV