

White Lies, Biblical?

So the king of Jericho sent this message to Rahab: “Bring out the men who came to you and entered your house, because they have come to spy out the whole land.” But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. She said, “Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they had come from. At dusk, when it was time to close the city gate, they left. I don’t know which way they went. Go after them quickly. You may catch up with them.” (But she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them under the stalks of flax she had laid out on the roof.)
Joshua Ch 2, 3-6

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Britannica Dictionary definition of WHITE LIE
a lie about a small or unimportant matter that someone tells to avoid hurting another person

Exodus Ch 20
12“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

16“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.“

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Jesus in Luke 22:67

67“If you are the Messiah,” they said, “tell us.”
Jesus answered, “If I tell you, you will not believe me,

2 Timothy 2

23Don’t have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. 24And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful.

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Collossians 3

12Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

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The Message translation:
Proverbs
11:17 when you are kind to others, you help yourself; when you are cruel to others, you hurt yourself.

11:20 God can’t stand deceivers, but I know how he relishes integrity.

25:15 Gentle speech breaks down rugged defenses.

18:16 A gift gets attention, it buys the attention of eminent people.

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Acts 12:20-23 (The Message)
But things went from bad to worse for Herod. Now People from Tyre and Sidon put him on the warpath. But they got Blastus, King Herod's right-hand man, to put in a good word for them and got a delegation together to iron things out. Because they were dependent on Judea for food supplies, they couldn't afford to let this go on too long. On the day set for their meeting, Herod, robed in pomposity, took his place on the throne and regaled them with a lot of hot air. The people played their part to the hilt and shouted flatteries: "The voice of God! The voice of God!"
That was the last straw, God had had enough of Herod's arrogance and sent an angel to strike him down. Herod had given God no credit for anything. Down he went. Rotten to the core, a maggoty old man if there ever was one, he died.

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Proverbs Ch 12, NIV
17An honest witness tells the truth,
but a false witness tells lies.
18The words of the reckless pierce like swords,
but the tongue of the wise brings healing.
19Truthful lips endure forever,
but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.
20Deceit is in the hearts of those who plot evil,
but those who promote peace have joy.
22The Lord detests lying lips,
but he delights in people who are trustworthy.

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