

Counterbalance

A false balance is an abomination?...Really? That seems a little extreme, but that is what we read in Proverbs 11:1. Perhaps it is worth a second look.

Abomination:

An abomination is something that God hates, but stronger than hate. In the Old Testament idolatry is often described as an abomination to God. That places the 'false balance' in the same category with idolatry. Does God really hate a 'false balance' as much as he hates idolatry? It is really that serious?

Balance Scales:

You've seen a balance scale; you know how it works. An object of unknown weight is placed in a pan on one side of the balance scale. In the pan on the opposite side known weights are added until the two pans balance. The unknown weight is then known: It is the sum total of the known weights...*unless someone has tampered with the weights or the balance scale.*

A False Balance:

A false balance is just another way of telling a lie. A false balance changes the appearance of things. It makes two unequal things *appear* to be equal. God hates lies. Lies oppose the very nature of God.

It Is All a Lie:

In a sense all sins are a kind of lie.

The idolater calls to his 'god.' But deity is not made of created things: wood or stone; gold or silver; possessions, fame, entertainment or pleasure. The 'idol' is a lie.

A thief possesses things that he does not own, yet he thinks of them as his own and lets others think they are his own. Lies.

A man has an immoral relationship with a woman with whom he is not married. Even though it is kept secret, treats the 'other' woman is as if the two are married. A lie.

In prideful arrogance a man elevates himself to a position of importance that is not truly his. He lies to himself.

A murderer assumes authority over life and death, a position held by our Creator. The murderer lies.

A teen disobeys or dishonors mother or father. In doing so the teen brings his mother and father to his own level as if they were equals or as if he has greater authority. That's a lie.

A Christian wears his 'Sunday face,' piously meeting with other Christians to worship. He does many religious acts of worship, but holds a grudge against a brother or does not offer his heart in devotion to God. Liar!

There are many ways to lie, many without ever moving one's lips. God hates them all.

Lies are an abomination!

A false balance is an abomination to the LORD, But a just weight is His delight.

--Proverbs 11:1

May our thoughts, and our words, and our behaviors always balance with the truth.