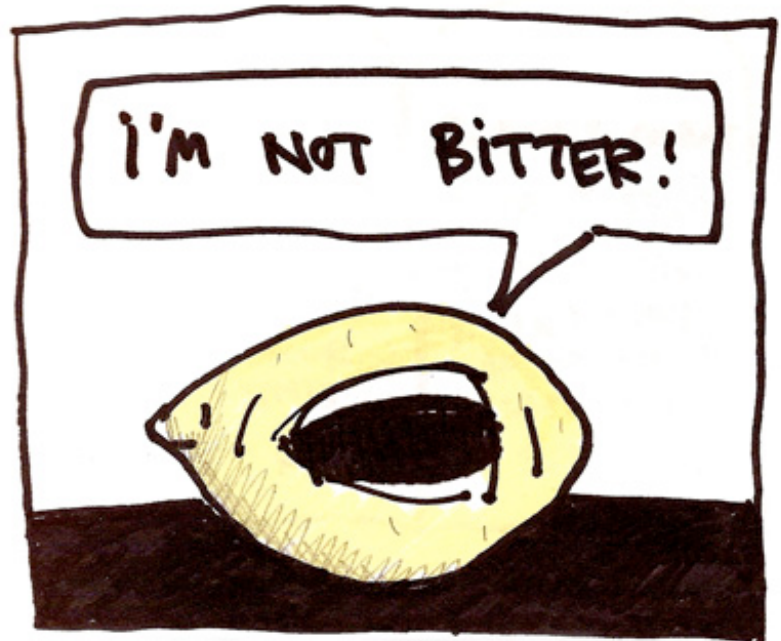


# Denial 2

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## Ignoring lies

- Many times, because of our past, upbringing, and decision making, we live in denial. We just can't see the elephant in the room because we don't want to.
- When the elephant provides the desires we seek or the pleasure we want, we ignore it and choose to live a lie (the devil) rather than exposing the lie and choosing truth (God). **2Th. 2:12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**
- But sometimes, the reason we don't want to deal with the elephant in the room is because WE ARE THE ELEPHANT!



LEMON IN DENIAL

## Relevant truth

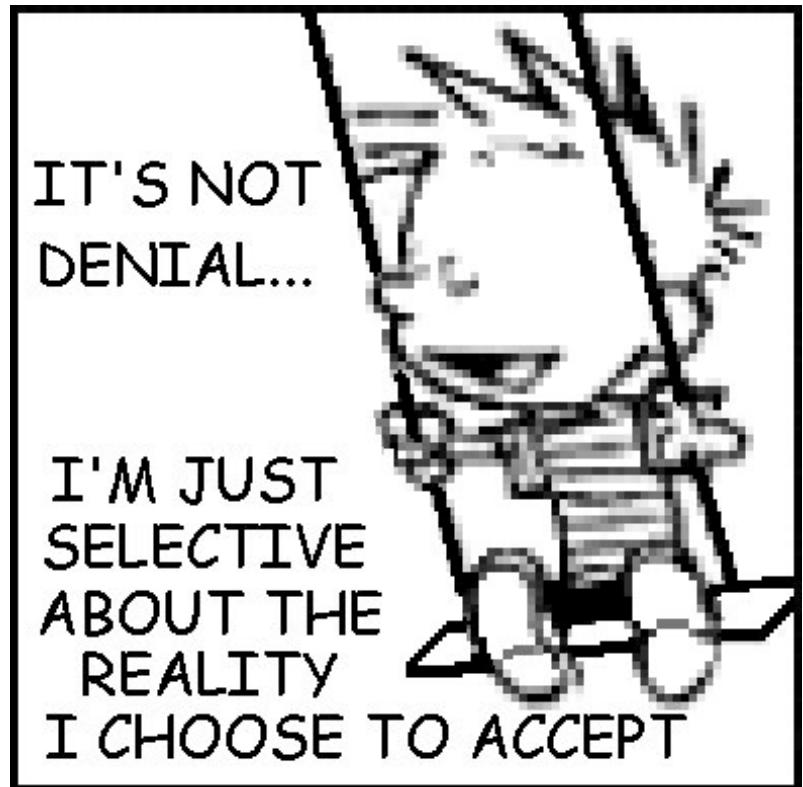
- I was once told by a famous songwriter that in order to be a good songwriter you have to be able to recognize when a song you wrote is NOT good. When you can tell the good ones from the bad ones, then you are on your way.
- This is very true about our personal lives. When we can spot our OWN issues and know when we are doing wrong, then we are on our way to healing and deliverance. **Psa. 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.**
- The problem is that most people choose issues over peace because they don't desire to deal with who they have become. Many have been practicing wrong for so long that the path to right seems too long and hard. So, they live in denial and become cynical towards the truth. **Prov. 13:16 Wise people think before they act; fools don't and even brag about it!**
- These people make the truth relative to their denial and cannot receive God's truth. Without the love of the truth, they will accept strong delusion. **2Th. 2:11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**

## Spirit of Truth

- The bible tells us that we should call out the elephant in the room and the people that are being elephants. We should go to them in secret if they are our brother and make them aware of the truth.

Gal. 6:1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

- If they are publicly being an elephant according to the truth of the word then we are to rebuke them openly. 1Tim. 5:20 Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear. This will open the eyes of those that have been blinded by their actions and hopefully will open their eyes as well. This is speaking the truth in love.
- When we do not deal with the denial in our lives, then we become self focused and cannot deny self. Then we begin to ignore our issues and turn wrong into right. Is. 5:20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! This makes it hard for us to have peace and very hard to be true to God.



### Summary

The bible says to speak the truth in love and that simply means that your motivation must be love and not any other reason. When we are motivated by the word to share truth, then it's love, but if when desire to win an argument or show ourselves, then we are speaking truth in selfishness and arrogance. But the bottom line is that we are all called of God to deal with the elephant in the room and to use the word of God to break the spell of denial so we can all walk in the truth of God's word.

*Eph. 4:14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;*

*Eph. 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:*

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