قول الزور/Lie

A major sin is telling lies, we must keep ourselves away from it all the time.

Telling the truth makes a person truthful, and a truthful person is considered As-Salih in Arabic dictionary. As-Salih means the truthful, the honest, the righteous one. Allah سبحانه وتعالى loves the truthful person. In Arabic, there is another common word for the truthful, which is As-Saadiq. Allah سبحانه وتعالى advised us to be with truthful and righteous people. A believer of Allah is the first truthful or righteous person. The one who does not believe in Allah is not called truthful. Staying with other believers will make a believer more truthful, whereas staying with disbelievers will make a believer less valuable to Allah سبحانه وتعالى Allah سبحانه وتعالى Says in Surah At-Tawbah ayah 119 "O believers! Be mindful of Allah and be with the truthful people (of believers)".

Some people think lying about minor things is ok. But they do not understand that lying about every small thing will lead them to be a proper liar. Because they're unknowingly going through a daily lying practice. Our beloved prophet Muhammad صلى told us not to lie even with jokes. Muhammad سلى was the best truthful person of all time. He never lied in His entire life, not even in jokes. The people of Makkah gave him a title called Al-Ameen, which means the most trusted one.

Truthfulness builds trust in people's hearts. Sometimes you may think lying is a way of protecting you from shame or blame. But if you accept the truth and tell the truth, you may fall in trouble temporarily, later surely it will bring comfort in your heart and goodness in your life.

Abdullah Ibn Mas'ud رضى الله عنه reported:

The Messenger of Allah (مَا عَلَيْكُ) said, "Truth leads to piety and piety leads to Jannah. A man persists in speaking the truth till he is recorded with Allah as a truthful man. Falsehood leads to transgression and transgression leads to the Hell-fire. A man continues to speak falsehood till he is recorded with Allah as a great liar.". [Al-Bukhari and Muslim].

From this hadith we understood being truthful will make us valuable in the sight of Allah سبحانه وتعالى. And if we are valuable to Allah, we will go to Jannah Insha'Allah.

Let's now learn some good ways to be truthful person

We won't do those things hiddenly which we can do publicly, because hiding
everything makes us feel forced to lie.
We should have "Haya" (modesty) all the time.
We will eat at home more than outside, because some scholars of Islam said:
those who eat from random people, deceive their own personality.
We will always eat halal food.
We will always think speaking the truth is an act of worship.
We must think Allah SWT is happy with us when we are telling the truth.
We should know that liars have no peace in their hearts.
We will read the Quran every day.
We will not listen to lies, because it will influence us badly.
Every time when we hear a news or message we must check its authenticity.
advised us the same thing in Surah Al-Hujurat.
We must always incline ourselves towards the truth.
We should avoid watching and listening to presentations of all wrongdoers.
Such as gambling advertisements, any haram games etc.
We should not walk by any passage or small walk-through where promoters
of evil are sitting. Such as tiktok video makers (who only focus on useless
contents), dancers, singers who only utter inappropriate words.
These are only few suggestions. If we follow them as much as possible, Insha'Allah
we may see some changes in our lives.