



## Unacceptable humor

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**PROVERBS 26:18-19 NASB - (18)** Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows and death, **(19)** So is the man who deceives his neighbor, And says, "**Was I not joking?**"

These two verses begin a section largely devoted to illustrating the fruits of **lying**. They might be better translated as, "A man who deceives his neighbor and disguises his deception as a joke is as dangerous as a madman shooting arrows at a crowd. Someone will surely get hurt." Lying is never a joke, and someone always gets hurt, even though it may not be immediately apparent. Lying is **sin** and sin brings death. Do we believe this in the actual practice of life? Though the lie, when discovered, may cause laughter, a reputation has been stained and trust diminishes.

Foolishness is never a joke when deceit is involved. A person who does such things is as insane as a person who randomly shoots into a crowd. His or her actions may have serious consequences, even death, though it is not their intention. **God** considers it no excuse to say, "I didn't mean it."

### SCRIPTURE READING

1 PETER 3:10

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In Jesus, your days ahead are greater than your days gone by.