

People use deception to save themselves and to make themselves look better than everyone else.

“Hester Prynne,” cried he, with a piercing earnestness, “in the name of Him, so terrible and so merciful, who gives me grace, at this last moment, to do what-for my own heavy sin and miserable agony-I withheld myself from doing seven years ago, come hither now, and twine thy strength about me! Thy strength, Hester; but let it be guided by the will which God hath granted me! This wretched and wronged old man is opposing it with all his might!-with all his own might, and the fiend’s! Come, Hester, come! Support me up yonder scaffold.”