

## Openness of Life

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Matthew 5:33-37

- I. What was the situation in Jesus' day?
  - A. Hypocritical oath-taking
  - B. Not a blanket prohibition of oaths! (Matthew 23:16-22)
  - C. False swearing in the Old Testament (Exodus 20:7; Zechariah 5:1-4)
  
- II. Honesty in Business
  - A. Prophetic witness
  - B. Simple, humble, and utterly honest in our dealings with others
  - C. Openness in our dealings and in our lives
  - D. We are called to say what is true; stick to commitments even when they are inconvenient ("who swears to his own hurt and does not change" Psalm 15:4).
  
- III. Openness of Life
  - A. In the news
  - B. The letter of Elder Li Yingqiang (Matthew 10:32-33)
  - C. The path of openness (Revelation 3:7-8; 2 Corinthians 4:2; 6:11)
  - D. How shall we live?

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