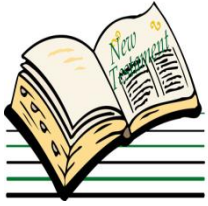


Sermon Notes



Title: "The Ninth Commandment: Committed to the Truth"

Text: Exodus 20:16; Deuteronomy 5:20

Theme: God who is life and light calls us to a life committed to the truth in our thoughts, words, and actions. He has truly saved us and brought us to Himself. May our profession of trust in Christ be manifest in our lives as we live for Him according to the truth.

I. Exposition of Exodus 20:16 (Deuteronomy 5:20)

- A. The Context is _____
- B. Presumes a _____ with One's Neighbor
- C. Lying Indicates _____ to Deceive

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III. Can We Ever Deceive?

IV. Applications

- A. By virtue of the fact that we are _____ of _____, we must always be _____ that we are _____ with one another.
- B. The truth can always be found in _____ and _____.
- C. Claiming the name of Christ and yet _____ to follow the LORD means you are living a _____.

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. What is the Ninth Commandment (Exodus 20:16)?
2. What does it mean to “bear false witness”?
3. What is significant about the context of the Ninth Commandment?
4. What is significant about the mention of the “neighbor”?
5. What is a crucial component of lying?
6. Is it possible to not speak the truth and yet not lie? If so, what is the difference?
7. Are hyperbolic expressions or canned greetings and responses (“How are you?” “Fine!”) lies even though not precise?
8. What does the *Westminster Larger Catechism* state is the basic duty of the Ninth Commandment (WLC 144)?
9. What does it mean to “prejudice” the truth?
10. What does it mean to speak the truth “unseasonably”?
11. Are there situations and circumstances in which deception is justified?
12. Why is it so important that Christians be truthful with one another?
13. How do you navigate through competing claims of truth from a multitude of sources in daily life?
14. Where do you go to find the truth about life?
15. Why is disobedience to the lordship of Christ a violation of the Ninth Commandment for the professing Christian?