

The 9th Commandment

Exodus 20:16

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Main Point:

Jesus spoke only the truth for you; now speak only the truth for Him.

1. God wants you to reject all forms of falsehood.

2. Falsehood is from the devil and God hates it.

3. God wants you to speak only the truth.

4. Even though it cost Him His life, Jesus spoke only the truth for you.

HC 112 Q. What is God's will for you in the Ninth Commandment? A. God's will is that I never give false testimony against anyone, twist no one's words, not gossip or slander, nor join in condemning anyone without a hearing or without a just cause. Rather, in court and everywhere else, I should avoid lying and deceit of every kind; these are devices the devil himself uses, and they would call down on me God's intense anger. I should love the truth, speak it candidly, and openly acknowledge it. And I should do what I can to guard and advance my neighbor's good name.

Kevin DeYoung "We can gossip in one of two ways: by passing a rumor that can't be substantiated or by passing along a true report unnecessarily."

Kevin DeYoung "Gossip can be deceit even if it is true because it leads people to think worse of others than they should."

Philip Ryken "Sometimes what a gossip reports is true, but it is said to the wrong person or for the wrong reason, to the injury of others. The words may contain some version of the truth, but the testimony is false because it is malicious."

Proverbs 18:13 ¹³ He who answers a matter before he hears *it*, It is folly and shame to him. (NKJV)

Genesis 3:1-4 ¹ Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'" ² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; ³ "but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴ Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. (NKJV)

Genesis 2:16-17 ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." (NKJV)

John 8:44 ⁴⁴ ... He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. (ESV)

Proverbs 6:16-19 ¹⁶ These six *things* the LORD hates, Yes, seven *are* an abomination to Him: ¹⁷ A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸ A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, ¹⁹ A false witness *who* speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren. (NKJV)

Deuteronomy 32:3-4 ³ For I proclaim the name of the LORD: Ascribe greatness to our God. ⁴ *He is* the Rock, His work *is* perfect; For all His ways *are* justice, A God of truth ... (NKJV)

Numbers 23:19 ¹⁹ God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it? (ESV)

Kevin DeYoung "When we lie, in little ways or big ways, we are showing our allegiance to the wrong father."

Matthew 5:33-37 ³³ "Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.' ³⁴ "But I say to you, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God's throne; ³⁵ "nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ "Nor shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷ "But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one. (NKJV)

Sinclair Ferguson "Jesus wants our answers to be straight-forward 'yes' or 'no' – without duplicity and without embellishment."

Ephesians 4:25a ²⁵ Therefore, putting away lying, "*Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,*" ... (NKJV)

Proverbs 22:1 ¹ A *good* name is to be chosen rather than great riches, Loving favor rather than silver and gold. (NKJV)

Philip Ryken "Before we open our mouth and start talking about someone else, we need to ask ourselves some hard questions: *Is what I am about to say true? If so, does it really need to be said to this person in this conversation? Would I put it this way if the person I'm talking about were here to listen?* If our words fail these simple tests, then it would be better for us not to speak at all."

Kevin DeYoung "When it comes to juicy information, we should always err on the side of keeping the circle as small as possible."

Isaiah 53:9 ⁹ And they made His grave with the wicked-- But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor *was any* deceit in His mouth. (NKJV)

Proverbs 12:22 ²² Lying lips *are* an abomination to the LORD, But those who deal truthfully *are* His delight. (NKJV)