

# Wrong Views of the Kingdom Set Straight – Part 1

Sermon 12 in the Matthew Series

## Matthew 5:33-37

### I. Life in the Kingdom -- review

The Beatitudes – serve as the text so to speak for the entire sermon.

Chapter 5 ends with 6 examples: “*You have heard it said – but I say unto you.*”  
Murder, Adultery, Divorce.

### II. Oaths and Vows -- Matthew 5:33-37

#### A. Gross Perversions of the Law

I am not a murderer – but do you hate?

I am not an adulterer – but do you lust?

I can get a divorce for any reason – Moses said so – yes, because of the hardness of your hearts Moses gave you divorce.

Christ is dealing with the Heart of the Matter.

**Matthew 23:16-26** -- The Pharisees used this wrong thinking to justify deception especially to outsiders who would not know the fine line distinctions.

#### B. What is not being Taught -- Matthew 5:33-37

##### Matthew 26:62-64

Martin Lloyd Jones lists:

**Romans 9:1** – I say the truth in Christ, I lie not my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost

**2 Cor. 1:23** – I call God for a record upon my soul

**Heb. 6:6** – For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end to all strife. **God therefore confirmed it by an oath** that by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

#### C. O.T. Teaching

**The Third Commandment** – do not take His Name in vain.

**Deut. 6:13** – You shall fear the Lord your God, and serve Him and shall swear by His Name.

**Lev. 19:12** – You shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shall you profane the name of your God. I am the Lord.

## **D. Christ's Corrective Teaching**

1. Do not swear falsely.
2. Do not be deceptive.
3. Do not think YOU are in control
4. Let your Yes be Yes and Your No, no.

In other words – be a person of your word – who can be trusted.  
Proverbs is the best place to find principles on taming the tongue.

## **III. The Power of Words**

- A. Words are Expressions of Thought
- B. Words have Meaning
- C. Words are a Revelation of Character

## **IV. Guidelines for The Words We Speak**

Adapted from Wayne Mack's book "Preparing for Marriage".

- A. Keep your Communication Honest (yes yes and no no)
- B. Keep your Communication Tactful

Often it's best to just keep quiet instead of trying to be honest and hurting someone.

**Proverbs 29:11** -- A fool utters all his mind.

- C. Keep your Communication under Control

Outbursts of anger and passion are sinful.

**Prov 12:18** -- There is one that speaks like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health.

**Prov 15:1** -- A soft answer turns away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

- D. Keep your Communication Positive

**Prov. 25:11** -- A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.

- E. Guard your Heart