

Thou Shal t Not Lie

Make fal se testimony/Statements

Exodus 20:16 / Eph 4:25

Preface:

We come to the 9th Commandment. It is neatly tucked away in the middle of the last 6 Commands that deal with moral character.

What is character? Character is not what others judge you to be or have, but what you are when no one else is looking. It is what you are essentially on the inside. That is why in each of these moral commands Jesus always went to the core of the problem, not the superficial.

Introduction:

Lying: As with so many of the moral commands we all can fairly easily, and smugly say, “*I don’t lie. I’m not a liar. Therefore that does not apply to me.*”

God’s Moral Laws

6. Shall not kill (murder) hatred, vengeance, or anger
7. Shall not commit adultery, or practice sexual immorality (lust eye-mind, heart, body)
8. Shall not steal (earn your own way) work, own, tithe
9. Shall not lie (be honest, don’t cheat, don’t fib, don’t deceive, or cover up)
10. Shall not covet (which is (which is idolatry Col. 3:5) love money, success, fame, fortune)

The Command:

“Thou shalt not lie!”

- You shall never lie to avoid paying taxes
- You shall not lie on an employment application
- You shall not lie on a loan application
- You shall not lie in a court of law
- You shall not lie to get out of trouble
- You shall not lie to make yourself look better than you are.
- You shall not lie to deceive another person
- You shall not lie about your age, weight, etc.
- You shall not fib, cheat, deceive, cover up, hide truth

*“Do you swear to tell the whole truth
nothing but the truth, so help you God?”*

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Thou shalt not lie - tell the truth whatever it costs.

Be holy for I am holy.

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Why People Lie

- Look better - brag
- Deny something embarrassing
- Cover up mistakes
- Get away without paying
- Protect a friend

What Is a Lie

- Saying what is not true (lies, fibs)
- Sharing facts that aren't (rumor)
- Speaking nothing (cover up)
- Misrepresenting (half-truths)
- Pretending to be (hypocrisy)

Why Lying is wrong

- Devil is father of the lie
- Lies hide in darkness
- All liars have part in lake of fire
- God is light and truth

Application

Fibs, little-white-lies, fakes, exaggerations, gossip, rumors, innuendoes, untrue tales, false accusations, false statements, suppositions, half-truths and deceptions...

...are all seeds of Satan's kingdom.

Conclusion

*If we say we have no sin,
we lie and do not the truth.*

BUT if we confess our sins
He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
And to cleanse us from all unrighteousness
I John 1:6-10