

Thou Shalt Not Bear False Witness

Exodus 20:16; Ephesians 4:25

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Today's anti-God worldview, _____ revolution, and dramatic change in values have made lying one of our greatest _____. From the little _____ lie to bearing false witness in a courtroom, _____ is wrong. Like the other commandments, this one is also a matter of the _____.

A. Defining the Principle

1. Two Hebrew words are involved.
 - a. "_____ " – to deal falsely, be false
 - (1). A close synonym is the general word for "_____."
 - (2). Other cognates are: _____, deceive, lead astray, _____, and _____ or forsake.
 - b. "Witness" – from the root word meaning "return or _____"
 - (1). One who has firsthand _____ of an event
 - (2). Emphatically affirms his testimony and does _____ change
2. _____ is an attribute of God.
 - a. Jesus said "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6)
 - b. To bear false witness is the absolute _____ of God.

B. Old Testament Principles Revealed in this Command

1. It prohibits giving false _____.
 - a. Severely _____ under the law (Deut. 19:16-20)
 - b. Punishment _____ to the crime (Deut. 19:21)
2. It affects our relationship with _____. (2 Kings 5:20-27)
3. It affects our relationship with our _____.

4. It will be _____. (Numbers 32:23)

C. New Testament Principles Revealed in this Command

1. Truthfulness is to be a _____ of the Christian. (Eph. 4:25)
2. The believer who falls into this sin will be _____. (Matt. 26:31-75; Gal. 6:7-8)

D. _____ of the Sin of Lying

1. _____ – false evidence in court
2. Slander – defame or _____ (telling the truth with the intent to hurt)
3. Silence when you _____ otherwise – listening to falsehood about another
4. Giving a false _____

E. Lying is a Sin

1. God _____ it. (Col. 3:9)
2. Lying characterizes the children of _____ (John 8:44)
3. Believers are _____ of the Body of Christ. (Eph. 4:24-25)
4. Sin needs to be confessed and _____. (1 John 1:9; Prov. 28:13)