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# The Ten Words

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**Understanding & Obeying the Ten Commandments**



To Tell the Truth  
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## Exodus 20:16 (ESV)

<sup>16</sup>“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.



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## Deuteronomy 17:6 (ESV)

<sup>6</sup>On the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses the one who is to die shall be put to death; a person shall not be put to death on the evidence of one witness.



Deuteronomy 19:16-19 (ESV)

<sup>16</sup>If a malicious witness arises to accuse a person of wrongdoing,



**Deuteronomy 19:16-19 (ESV)**

<sup>17</sup>then both parties to the dispute shall appear before the LORD, before the priests and the judges who are in office in those days.



Deuteronomy 19:16-19 (ESV)

<sup>18</sup>The judges shall inquire diligently, and if the witness is a false witness and has accused his brother falsely,



Deuteronomy 19:16-19 (ESV)

<sup>19</sup>then you shall do to him as he had meant to do to his brother. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.



**1: Telling the Truth is Important  
Because the Very Nature of God is Truth**

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## Numbers 23:9 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup>For from the top of the crags I see him,  
from the hills I behold him;  
behold, a people dwelling alone,  
and not counting itself among the nations!



## Romans 3:4 (ESV)

<sup>4</sup>By no means! Let God be true though every one were a liar, as it is written,

“That you may be justified in your words, and prevail when you are judged.”



## John 14:6 (ESV)

<sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.



## 2: Telling the Truth is Important Because the Devil is a Liar



## John 8:44 (ESV)

<sup>44</sup>You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his



## John 8:44 (ESV)

own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.



## Genesis 3:1 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?”



## Revelation 12:9 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup>And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.



## Colossians 3:8-10 (ESV)

<sup>8</sup>But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.



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<sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices



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<sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.



**3: Be Committed to Telling the Truth**  
**- Never give false testimony in court**



**3: Be Committed to Telling the Truth**  
**Don't twist words to your benefit or someone**  
**else's detriment**



**3: Be Committed to Telling the Truth**  
**- Do not gossip**



**3: Be Committed to Telling the Truth**  
**- Don't make promises you can't keep**



**3: Be Committed to Telling the Truth**  
**- Guard your neighbor's reputation**



**4: Being known as person who values the truth  
will help you be a good witness for Christ**



## Acts 1:8 (ESV)

<sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”



## Jeremiah 14:14 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup>And the LORD said to me: "The prophets are prophesying lies in my name. I did not send them, nor did I command them or speak to them. They are prophesying to you a lying vision, worthless divination, and the deceit of



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their own minds.

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## Romans 1:24-25 (ESV)

<sup>24</sup>Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves,



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<sup>25</sup>because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.



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