

**1 Corinthians 13:12**  
(ESV)

*12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.*

**Q. 144. What are the duties required in the ninth commandment?**

**A. The duties required in the ninth commandment are,**

**The preserving and promoting of truth between man and man,**

**The preserving and promoting of the good name of our neighbor, as well as our own;**

**A charitable esteem of our neighbors.**

**Loving, desiring, and rejoicing in their good name**

**Sorrowing for and covering of their infirmities**

**Freely acknowledging of their gifts and graces**

**Defending their innocency**

**A ready receiving of a good report concerning them**

**Unwillingness to admit of an evil report, concerning them**

**Discouraging talebearers, flatterers, and slanderers**

**Appearing and standing for the truth;**

**From the heart, sincerely, freely, clearly, and fully, speaking the truth, and only the truth, in matters of judgment and justice.**

**From the heart, sincerely, freely, clearly, and fully, speaking the truth, and only the truth in all other things whatsoever;**

**Love and care of our own good name,**

**Defending it when need requireth;**

**Keeping of lawful promises**

**Studying and practicing of whatsoever things are true, honest, lovely, and of good report.**

*Deuteronomy 27:11-14*  
(ESV)

*11 That day Moses charged the people, saying,  
12 “When you have crossed over the Jordan, these shall stand on Mount Gerizim to bless the people: Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph, and Benjamin.  
13 And these shall stand on Mount Ebal for the curse: Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.  
14 And the Levites shall declare to all the men of Israel in a loud voice:*

**Q. 145. What are the sins forbidden in the ninth commandment?**

**A. The sins forbidden in the ninth commandment are,**

**All prejudicing the truth**

**All prejudicing of the good name of our neighbors**

**All prejudicing of our own good name**

*Psalm 36:9*  
(ESV)

*9  
For with you is the fountain of life;  
in your light do we see light.*

*1 John 1:5*  
(ESV)

*Walking in the Light  
5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.*

*Revelation 22:5*  
(ESV)

*5 And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.*

**Augustine: “Your eyes participate in the light and so you see. Do they close? You have not diminished the light. Do they open? You have not increased the light.”**

**Richard Wilbur in “The Eye”:**

**“Correct my view.../that the lid’s closure frees me.”**

*Exodus 19:16*  
(ESV)

*16 On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled.*

*Job 37:4*

**(ESV)**

4

After it his voice roars;  
he thunders with his majestic voice,  
and he does not restrain the lightnings when his  
voice is heard.

**Psalm 97:4**

**(ESV)**

4

His lightnings light up the world;  
the earth sees and trembles.

**Matthew 24:27**

**(ESV)**

27 For as the lightning comes from the east and shines  
as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of  
Man.

**Revelation 4:5**

**(ESV)**

5 From the throne came flashes of lightning, and  
rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne  
were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven  
spirits of God,

**Richard Wilbur in "Icarium Mare":**

**Where else do lifting wings proclaim/The advent  
of the fire-gapped thunderhead,**

**Especially in public judicature.**

**Giving false evidence, suborning false witnesses,  
wittingly appearing and pleading for an evil cause,  
outfacing and overbearing the truth; passing unjust  
sentence,**

**Romans 13:1-7**

**(ESV)**

*Submission to the Authorities*

13 Let every person be subject to the governing  
authorities. **For there is no authority except from  
God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.**  
2 Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what  
God has appointed, and those who resist will incur  
judgment. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good  
conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one  
who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you  
will receive his approval, 4 for he is God's servant for  
your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does  
not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of  
God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the  
wrongdoer. 5 Therefore one must be in subjection, not  
only to avoid God's wrath but also **for the sake of  
conscience.** 6 For because of this you also pay taxes,

for the authorities are **ministers of God**, attending to  
this very thing. 7 Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes  
to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is  
owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom  
honor is owed.

**Calling evil good, and good evil**

**Rewarding the wicked according to the work of the  
righteous, and the righteous according to the work  
of the wicked**

**Forgery**

**Concealing the truth**

**Undue silence in a just cause: Holding our peace  
when iniquity calleth for either a reproof from  
ourselves, or complaint to others**

**Speaking the truth unseasonably**

**Speaking the truth maliciously to a wrong end**

**Perverting...[truth]...to a wrong meaning**

**In doubtful or equivocal expressions,**

**To the prejudice of the truth or justice**

**Speaking untruth**

**Lying**

**Slandering**

**Backbiting**

**Detracting**

**Talebearing**

**Whispering**

**Scoffing**

**Reviling**

**Rash, harsh, and partial censuring**

**Misconstructing intentions, words, and actions**

**Flattering**

**Vainglorious boasting**

**Romans 3:9-11**

**(ESV)**

*No One Is Righteous*  
9 *What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, 10 as it is written:*

*“None is righteous, no, not one;*

*11*  
*no one understands;*  
*no one seeks for God.*

**Thinking or speaking too highly or too meanly of ourselves or others**

**Denying the gifts and graces of God**

**Aggravating smaller faults**

**Hiding, excusing, or extenuating of sins, when called to a free confession**

**Unnecessary discovering of infirmities**

**Raising false rumors**

**Receiving and countenancing evil reports**

**Stopping our ears against just defense**

**Evil suspicion**

**Envy or grieving at the deserved credit of any**

**Endeavoring or desiring to impair it,**

**rejoicing in their disgrace and infamy**

**Scornful contempt, fond admiration**

**Breach of lawful promises**

**Neglecting such things as are of good report**

**Practicing, or not avoiding ourselves, or not hindering what we can in others, such things as procure an ill name.**

*Isaiah 8:20*  
*(KJV)*

*20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because **there is no light in them.***

**Johannes Kepler: “I was merely thinking God’s thoughts after him.”**

**Richard Wilbur in “Advice from the Muse”:**

**A breath which, drawing closer, may obscure  
Mirror or window with a token blur—  
That slight uncertainty which makes us sure**

*James 1:26*  
*(ESV)*

*26 If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person’s religion is worthless.*

*James 3:6*  
*(ESV)*

*6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell.*

*James 3:8*  
*(ESV)*

*8 but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.*

**Augustine’s** position on lying: “...the lie is a sin, a recursively self-defeating action that shatters the image of the triune God in which we are made”

*Ephesians 4:13-16(ESV)*

**13** until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, **14** so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. **15** Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, **16** from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

*Psalms 5:6*  
*(ESV)*

*6*  
*You destroy those who speak lies;*  
*the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.*

*Ecclesiastes 12:9-14*  
*(ESV)*

*Fear God and Keep His Commandments*  
*9 Besides being wise, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs with great care. 10 The*

*Preacher sought to find words of delight, and uprightly  
he wrote words of truth.*

*11 The words of the wise are like goads, and like nails  
firmly fixed are the collected sayings; they are given by  
one Shepherd. 12 My son, beware of anything beyond  
these. Of making many books there is no end, and  
much study is a weariness of the flesh.*

*13 The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God  
and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty  
of man. 14 For God will bring every deed into  
judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or  
evil.*

**Proverbs 2:12**

**(ESV)**

*delivering you from the way of evil,  
from men of perverted speech,*

**Proverbs 4:7-9**

**(ESV)**

7

*The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom,  
and whatever you get, get insight.*

8

*Prize her highly, and she will exalt you;  
she will honor you if you embrace her.*

9

*She will place on your head a graceful garland;  
she will bestow on you a beautiful crown.”*

**Proverbs 4:13**

**(ESV)**

13

*Keep hold of instruction; do not let go;  
guard her, for she is your life.*

14

*Do not enter the path of the wicked,  
and do not walk in the way of the evil.*

**Proverbs 4:20-27**

**(ESV)**

20

*My son, be attentive to my words;  
incline your ear to my sayings.*

21

*Let them not escape from your sight;  
keep them within your heart.*

22

*For they are life to those who find them,  
and healing to all their flesh.*

23

*Keep your heart with all vigilance,  
for from it flow the springs of life.*

24

*Put away from you crooked speech,  
and put devious talk far from you.*

25

*Let your eyes look directly forward,*

*and your gaze be straight before you.*

26

*Ponder the path of your feet;  
then all your ways will be sure.*

27

*Do not swerve to the right or to the left;  
turn your foot away from evil.*

**Proverbs 6:12-19**

**(ESV)**

12

*A worthless person, a wicked man,  
goes about with crooked speech,*

13

*winks with his eyes, signals with his feet,  
points with his finger,*

14

*with perverted heart devises evil,  
continually sowing discord;*

15

*therefore calamity will come upon him suddenly;  
in a moment he will be broken beyond healing.*

16

*There are six things that the Lord hates,  
seven that are an abomination to him:*

17

*haughty eyes, a lying tongue,  
and hands that shed innocent blood,*

18

*a heart that devises wicked plans,  
feet that make haste to run to evil,*

19

*a false witness who breathes out lies,  
and one who sows discord*