

LAW & GOSPEL

9th Commandment: Our Speech
Exodus 20:16

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1. The 9th Commandment requires loving our neighbor with truthfulness and accuracy in the cause of _____.

- a. A stable society requires a good system of justice which depends on _____ testimony and honest judges.
- b. Social _____ accusations and reactions must be weighed by the principles of biblical justice.

“Do not join in condemning anyone without a hearing or without a just cause.” - Heidelberg Catechism

2. The 9th Commandment requires loving our neighbor by setting a careful guard against sinful _____.

- a. Guard against _____ or deceitfulness.
- b. Guard against _____ the words of others.
- c. Guard against _____.
- d. Guard against _____.

3. The 9th Commandment requires loving our neighbor by defending their _____.

“A man may wrong another as well by _____ as by slander, when he knows him to be wrongfully accused, yet does not speak in his behalf. If others cast false aspersions on any, we should wipe them off.”
- Thomas Watson

4. The 9th Commandment requires loving God by loving the _____.

- a. _____ and communication are of the Lord.
- b. To know and love the Lord is to know and love His commands, His _____, and His testimonies.

“Truth in the Bible is a quality of persons primarily, and of propositions only secondarily: it means stability, reliability, firmness, trustworthiness, the quality of a person who is entirely self-consistent, sincere, realistic, and undeceived. God is such a person: truth, in this sense, is His _____, and He has not got it in Him to be anything else.” - J.I. Packer