

“Bearing (False) Witness”

The Truth, The Whole Truth, And Nothing But The Truth

Ephesians 4:29-5:16; Deut. 17:2-7; Exodus 20:1-15

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Central to the practical functioning of a society – and the carriage of justice – is the reliability of verbal testimony. So what we say matters, and there are serious consequences when a trust (in either relationship or contract) is breached. Let us grow in our love for the truth as we know the One who is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6). Let us live by the Ninth Commandment as we speak his truth in the courtroom, in the living room, and on the mission field.

I. Telling The _____ in the _____ room: accurately reporting the _____.

- 1) The context of the Ninth Commandment is the _____ on the _____ stand.
- 2) If the Eighth Commandment ties our _____, the Ninth ties our _____.
- 3) The propagation of lies causes a _____ of _____ with terrible consequences.
- 4) A word can _____ a life or destroy a _____. Be truthful!

II. Telling the Truth in the _____ room: no _____ and no _____.

- 1) Important relationships wither because _____ is never _____.
- 2) Important relationships wither because we _____ the _____.
- 3) We *can* overcome _____ and _____ with Eph. 4:15!
- 4) Learn to take God at _____, and verbally _____ of your sin.

III. Telling the Truth on the _____ Field: a life of internal _____.

- 1) Except the Gospel, the greatest asset in evangelism is your _____.
- 2) In the world there is a _____ unfolding, and you are a _____!
- 3) Confess the truth of _____.
- 4) Confess the Christ who _____.

Application Questions:

1. When have you visited a courtroom? Why is the witness' testimony so important?
2. Where do you see the consumer lie “buy this product/therapy and you will be happy”?
3. Have you caught someone in a lie? Is it easy to rebuild trust? Why not?
4. Consider this phrase: ‘Except the Gospel, your greatest asset in preaching the Gospel is your sanctification.’ Do you agree? Why or why not?