
SERMON NOTES November 14, 2021

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Exodus 20:16
Honest Liars
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- I. The _____ against lying
- a. How do we _____ a lie
 - b. Our contemporary _____ and _____
 - c. The _____ of the moral law
 - i. Moralism; Defining the _____
 - ii. Relativism; Seeing the rules _____
 - iii. Legalism; Rules for _____ of truth
- II. Developing the character of _____
- a. The command prohibits _____ and _____ speech
 - b. Putting away _____ and speaking _____
- III. Developing the character of _____
- a. Should there be _____ to our truth-telling?
 - b. The focus of the command is _____ our neighbor
 - c. We are called to speak _____
- IV. The Gospel is _____ truth defined by _____

Questions for reflection, application, and discussion

1. How do you think our culture defines the sin of lying? What form of lying and/or deception are commonly accepted in our modern culture, and why?
 - a. Do you think that our cultures views about lying and telling the truth have changed over the past few decades, and if so, how and why?
 - b. Ephesians 4:25 teaches, “*having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor.*” What is the difference between not lying (putting away falsehood) and speaking the truth?
2. To what degree do you think our culture’s acceptance of lying and low view of truthfulness has influenced the church?
 - a. What forms of lying are easiest for Christians to justify, and why?
 - b. What forms of lying do you struggle with the most?
 - c. What are some of the consequences of these “little” lies?
 - d. What is one way you personally take care to be truthful, especially when others seem unconcerned with integrity?
3. While we minimize the seriousness of our “little lies,” how seriously do you think God takes the problem of lying?
 - a. Read and respond to Proverbs 6:16-19
 - b. Is lying always wrong, in every situation? If not, what would be the exceptions?
4. If we tell someone the factual truth but in a way that misleads or obscures part of the truth, is this a violation of the 9th commandment? Why or why not
 - a. If we tell the truth and know that the listener has interpreted our words to mean something that is inaccurate, and if we then allow that person to believe that wrong interpretation, have we broken the 9th commandment? Why or why not?
 - b. If we know that someone else has told a lie about something that involves us and we fail to correct that lie, is our silence a violation of the 9th commandment? Why or why not?
5. While we are right to see the 9th commandment as a decree against lying, the focus of the commandment is false statements ***against our neighbor.***
 - a. Do you believe that it is right to see gossip as a violation of the 9th commandment? Why or why not? Read James 4:11-12.
 - b. What makes gossip such a damaging form of lying (even if parts of what is said are true)?
 - c. What are some practical ways to avoid spreading or listening to gossip or other types of false testimony?
6. Should we always tell the whole truth? Can you think of an example when a person told the truth in a harmful and destructive way?
 - a. Are there times that telling the whole truth is wrong? What are some examples?
 - b. Read and respond to Proverbs 10:10-21 and Proverbs 12:13-23