

The Decalogue of Love

Commandment #9: "SPEAK THE TRUTH; Do Not Lie"

Text: Exodus 20:16/Deuteronomy 5:20/Ephesians 4

Outline:

I. Introduction

- Experience tells us that even if we strive to convey a given truth, it often comes out somewhat distorted.
- 9th Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness."
A broader interpretation: "Do not lie."
- Proverbs 6:16-19

II. Speak the Truth; Do not lie

A. Prohibition to Lying [John 8:43-45]

Why does God prohibit lying?

1. Lying is Satan's language.
2. He reproduces people who make lying their native language.
3. His mission is to destroy people

B. Propensities in Lying

Why do people lie?

1. People lie to themselves
2. People lie to God
3. People lie to their neighbors

Three Ways:

- a. The destructive lie
- b. The defensive lie
- c. The defective lie

C. Preventives/Cure for Lying [Ephesians 4]

1. Learning the truth
2. Loving the truth
3. Living the truth

III. Conclusion:

God's grace enables us to speak the truth in love as we live out Christ as authentic witnesses to the world.