



Don't Lie, Speak Truth

"Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,"

Colossians 3:9-10

Out With The Old In With The New

- **Ephesians 4:20-25** *"But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another."*

Light & Darkness Do Not Mix

- **James 3:2-5** *"For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body. Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body. Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires. Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles!"*
- **James 3:10-12** *"Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening? Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh."*

Let Your Yes be Yes

- **James 5:12** *"But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your "Yes" be "Yes," and your "No," "No," lest you fall into judgment."*

- **Who's judgment is James talking about?**

- Any oath with God's Name in it was legally binding however oaths made without God's name were not.
- It may be legal to break your word but God will judge us for what we say and do.

- **Remember What Jesus Said:**

- **Matthew 12:36** *"But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment."*

Jesus Preached On This “Loophole”

- **Matthew 5:33-37** *“Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.’ But I say to you, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God’s throne; nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Nor shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black. But let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No,’ ‘No.’ For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.”*

Put Away Lying, Speak Truth in Love

- **Ephesians 4:25** *"Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another."*
- **Revelation 21:8** *"But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."*
- **Proverbs 12:19** *"The truthful lip shall be established forever, But a lying tongue is but for a moment. "*
- **Ephesians 4:15** *"but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head— Christ—"*

Who May Dwell With God?

■ Psalm 15

- *" Lord, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill? He who walks uprightly, And works righteousness, And speaks the truth in his heart; He who does not backbite with his tongue, Nor does evil to his neighbor, Nor does he take up a reproach against his friend; In whose eyes a vile person is despised, But he honors those who fear the Lord; He who swears to his own hurt and does not change; He who does not put out his money at usury, Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved."*