

# The Ten Commandments

Living His Truth for Our Joy

Exodus 20

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## TRUTH 9: REPUTATION MATTERS

### Review From Series

1. We find joy in the one true God!
2. We find joy in worshipping God alone!
3. We find joy in the wonderful name of God...we treat it rightly!
4. We find joy in living in Godly rhythm!
5. We find joy in honoring parents!
6. We find joy in valuing all life!
7. We find joy in Godly marriages!
8. We find joy in trusting God's provision!

**Study Verse Section:** **No** [Heb. לֹא] (*Lō*) **speaking** [Heb. תַּעֲנֶה] (*an-eyh*) to speak, answer, *Qal active imperfect verb (2<sup>nd</sup> person) denoting an ongoing habitual action of one another* [Heb. בָּרִי-עֵד] (*rey-da*) *root word is "friend" as a witness* [Heb. עֵד] (*ed*) *lit. "a testimony"* **falsely** [Heb. שָׁקֵר] (*shequer*) *to lie or deceive.*

## 1. THE REASON FOR THE COMMAND

### Reputations Are Valuable

Ecclesiastes 7:1a (ESV)-A good name is better than precious ointment.

Proverbs 22:1 (ESV)-A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.

### Words Matter

Proverbs 6:16a,19 (ESV)-There are six things the that the LORD hates...a false witness who breathes out lies,

Proverbs 18:21 (ESV)-Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.

## 2. WAYS COMMAND IS BROKEN

### Speaking Falsely

Exodus 23:1 (ESV)-You shall not spread a false report. You shall not join hands with a wicked man to be a malicious witness.

Proverbs 26:28 (ESV)-A lying tongue hates its victims, and a flattering mouth works ruin.

### Speaking Carelessly

Ephesians 4:29 (ESV)-Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

Proverbs 12:8 (ESV)-There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Matthew 12:36 (ESV)-I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak,

### Listening to Destructive Talk

Proverbs 26:22 (ESV)-The words of a whisperer are like delicious morsels; they go down into the inner parts of the body.

Proverbs 14:7 (ESV)-Leave the presence of a fool, for there you do not meet words of knowledge.

### Silently Agreeing

Leviticus 5:1 (ESV)-"If anyone sins in that he hears a public adjuration to testify, and though he is a witness, whether he has seen or come to know the matter, yet does not speak, he shall bear his iniquity;"

## 3. APPLICATION

T — Is it True?

H — Will it Help?

I — Is it Inspiring?

N — Is it Necessary?

K — Is it Kind?

I will **T.H.I.N.K.** before I speak and **T.H.I.N.K.** as I listen.

**Here Is The Point:** We find our joy in celebrating and protecting truth!

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