

Tell The Truth And Shame The Devil!

Pics: 10 Commandments

Ex. 20:16 - "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

Matthew 5:33-37

33 "Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.'

34 But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne;

35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King

36 And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black.

37 All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

I. This Commandment has to do with controlling our tongue.

Pr. 18:21 - The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Pr. 15:4 - The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life, but a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.

James 3:7-8 - All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

Ps. 34:13 - keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies.

Rev. 21:8 - But the cowardly (di-los – will not stand for truth, faithless), the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars--their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

Rom. 12:9 - Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

Proverbs 25:18 - "Like a club and a sword and a sharp arrow is a man who bears false witness against his neighbor."

Proverbs 22:1 - A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.

II. Six ways of breaking Commandment #9

1. Slander

2. Lying

Mt. 12:36 – "But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken."

3. Tale-bearing

Pr. 17:4 - A wicked man listens to evil lips; a liar pays attention to a malicious tongue.

Proverbs 17:9 - He who covers over an offense promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.

4. Insinuation

5. Exaggeration

6. Silence

III. Where do lies originate from?

Jn.8:42-44

42. Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me.

43. Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say.

44. You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the

truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Jn. 18:35-38

35. "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"

36. Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place."

37. "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

38. "What is truth?" Pilate asked. With this he went out again to the Jews and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him."

IV. Where does truth originate from?

Jn. 14:6 - Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Mt. 5:13-19

13. "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men."

14. "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden."

15. "Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house."

16. "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

17. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them."

18. "I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished."

19. "Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

Jn. 3:1-3

1. Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council.

2. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him."

3. In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again. "

Jn, 8:31-32

31. To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.

32. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Jn. 14:11-17

11. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves.

12. I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

13. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father.

14. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

15. "If you love me, you will obey what I command.

16. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever--

17. the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

Rom. 1:18-20

18. The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness,

19. since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.

20. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

Rom. 2:6-8

6. God "will give to each person according to what he has done."

7. To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life.

8. But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger.

2Thess. 2:9-17

9. The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders,

10. and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

11. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie

12. and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.

13. But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.

14. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15. So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

16. May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope,

17. encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

V. Twelve reasons God hates lying

1. God loves truthful speech and truth-tellers.

Prov. 3:3-4 - Do not let kindness and truth leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and man .

Prov. 12:22 - Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who deal faithfully are His delight.

2. Lying reveals a lack of godliness.

Prov. 12:17 - He who speaks truth tells what is right, but a false witness, deceit.

Prov. 13:5 - A righteous man hates falsehood, but a wicked man acts disgustingly and shamefully.

3. Lying is a mark of an unfaithful person.

Prov. 14:5 - A trustworthy witness will not lie, but a false witness utters lies.

4. Deceiving people in order to get financial help is worse than being poor.

Prov. 21:6 - The acquisition of treasures by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor, the pursuit of death.

Prov. 19:22 - What is desirable in a man is his kindness, and it is better to be a poor man than a liar.

5. Lying is often motivated by fear, which is contrary to love.

Gen. 20:9-11 - Then Abimelech called Abraham and said to him, "What have you done to us? And how have I sinned against you, that you have brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? You have done to me things that ought not to be done." And Abimelech said to Abraham, "What have you encountered, that you have done this thing?" Abraham said, "Because I thought, surely there is no fear of God in this place, and they will kill me because of my wife".

1 John 4:18 - Perfect love casts out all fear.

6. Hypocrites are addicted to lying.

Hosea 11:12 - Ephraim surrounds Me with lies and the house of Israel with deceit; Judah is also unruly against God, even against the Holy One who is faithful.

7. Liars love impure conversation.

Prov. 17:4 - An evildoer listens to wicked lips; a liar pays attention to a destructive tongue

8. Lying is a cause of unanswered prayer.

Isa. 59:2-3 - But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken falsehood, your tongue mutters wickedness.

9. Jesus called Satan "the father of lies" and the devil excites men to lie.

John 8:44 - You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Acts 5:3 - But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back some of the price of the land?"

10. Lying often accompanies other sins.

Hosea 4:1-2 - Listen to the word of the LORD, O sons of Israel, for the LORD has a case against the inhabitants of the land, because there is no faithfulness or kindness or knowledge of God in the land. There is swearing, deception, murder, stealing and adultery. They employ violence, so that bloodshed follows bloodshed.

11. Liars will perish.

Psalm 5:6 - You destroy those who speak falsehood; the Lord abhors the man of bloodshed and deceit.

Prov. 19:9 - A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who tells lies will perish.

Revelation 21:8 - But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

12. Truthful people will prevail in the end.

Psalm 63:11 - But the king will rejoice in God; everyone who swears by Him will glory, for the mouths of those who speak lies will be stopped.

Prov. 12:19 - Truthful lips will be established forever, but a lying tongue is only for a moment.

Col. 3:9 - As followers of Jesus Christ, the Truth incarnate, we are called to put away the old self with its practices, which includes lying.