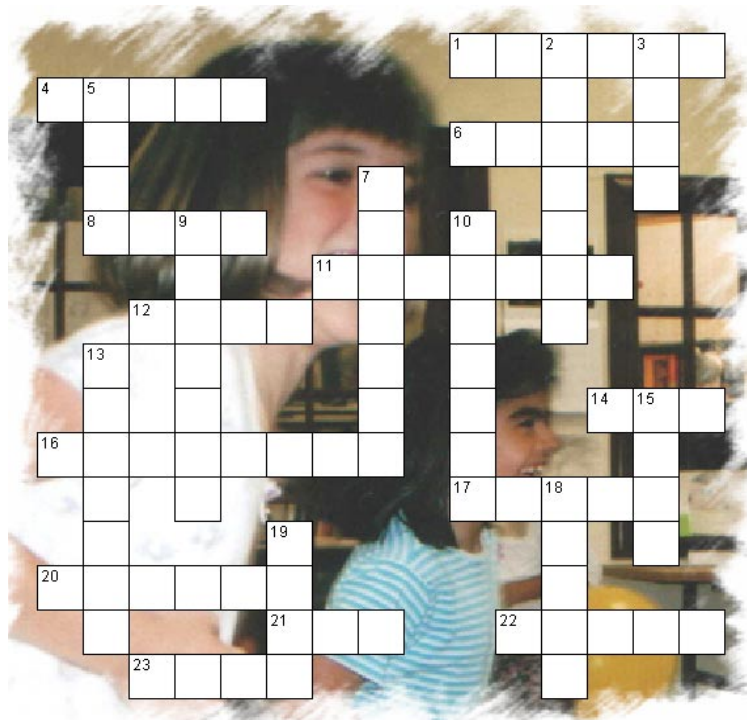


Crossword Puzzle

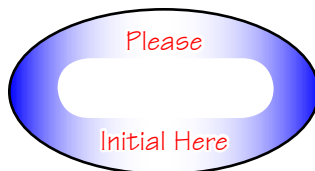


Across

Down

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. ...to think more ____ of you. | 2. ...we make things seem much ____ than they actually are. |
| 4. ...to ____ more highly of you. | 3. ...to ____ you more or think more... |
| 6. To flatter someone is to ____. | 5. Careless Lies and ____ -Truths |
| 8. ...when in ____ we don't know... | 7. ____ Can be Lying |
| 11. To ____ someone is to speak well of them beyond the truth. | 9. If we are not ____, there are many... |
| 12. God is ____. | 10. This often happens when we pass on ____. |
| 14. ____ is true. | 13. Most ____ are Also Lies |
| 16. ...we fail to be ____ in describing... | 15. ...carelessly ____-state the truth, we are exaggerating. |
| 17. ...carelessly over-____ the truth... | 18. We should simply ____ the real... |
| 20. Many times ____ do this when they gossip. | 19. To flatter someone is to speak ____ of them beyond the truth. |
| 21. A "careless ____" is when we say... | |
| 22. The ____ tells us that God delights... | |
| 23. When we ____ to be accurate... | |

Parent's Initials:



2-6

The Ten Commandments

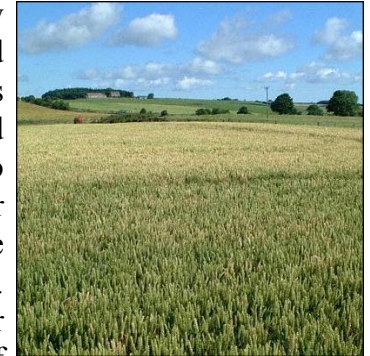
- Lesson Nineteen -

The Ninth Commandment (2)

You Shall Not Testify with False Testimony

I. Overview.

In the last lesson, we saw that our God is true and He desires all of His people to be true and truthful in their speaking. We also saw that the Devil is the “father of lies” and that we should have nothing to do with lies or lying. In this lesson we will go further to see that there are many types of speaking that can be considered as lies. We should avoid all the different kinds of lies.



God delights in those who deal faithfully.

It is easy for us to know that it is a lie when we say something that is simply untrue. This is sometimes called “an outright lie.” But we also need to realize that we can lie in other ways. We can tell a “careless lie” such as passing on stories when we don’t know that they are true. We tell a “half-truth” when we only tell part of the truth and keep another part covered up. We can tell a lie by remaining silent when we should actually say something. Exaggeration and flattery are also kinds of lies.

II. Memory Verse.

“Lying lips are an abomination to Jehovah, but those who deal faithfully are His delight.”

(Prov. 12:22)

III. Lesson.

As those who faithfully follow the Lord, we should be careful to speak only things that are true. If we are not careful, there are many ways that we can speak different forms of lies. We need to avoid them all.



We should not pass on stories that we don't know are true.

Careless Lies and Half-Truths

A “careless lie” is when we say something as if we know it to be true, when in fact we don’t know if it is the truth at all. This often happens when we pass on stories. Many times people do this when they gossip – something that they should not be doing in the first place. There is another kind of lie called a “half-truth.” This is when we say something that is true, but we only tell part of the story. We don’t tell part of the story because we don’t want that part to be known. Telling “half-truths” in this way is really just lying.

Silence Can be Lying

We can even lie by remaining silent. For example, when someone asks a question like “Does anyone know who wrote on the wall?”, if we know the truth but don’t speak up, our silence is actually a lie.

Flattery and Exaggeration are also Lies

To “flatter” someone is to speak well of them beyond the truth. This is usually done with a selfish motive such as wanting the person whom you are flattering to like you more or to think more highly of you. To exaggerate is also lying. When we fail

to be accurate in describing something, but rather carelessly overstate the truth, we are exaggerating. When we exaggerate, we make things seem much greater than they actually are.

Most Excuses are Also Lies

When we make excuses for some kind of failure, we very often say things that are not completely true. Even though the reason we are giving might be true, when we do not admit the real reason for our failure, that is lying. When we fail, we should simply admit the real reason and not make excuses. The Bible tells us that God delights in persons who are truthful. He wants us to be true and to speak the truth.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. What is an “outright lie”?

2. What is it called when we pass on a story without knowing whether it is true?

3. What is flattery?

4. What is exaggeration?

