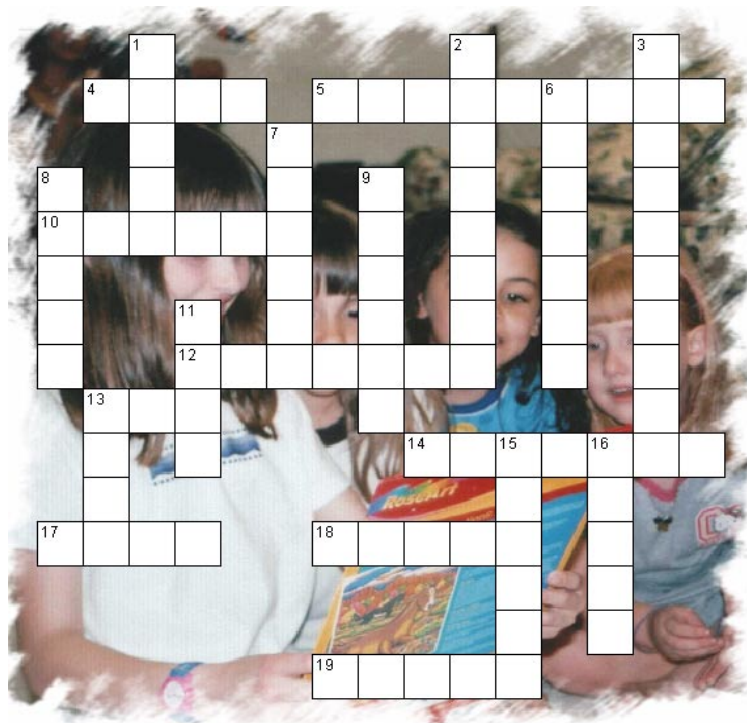


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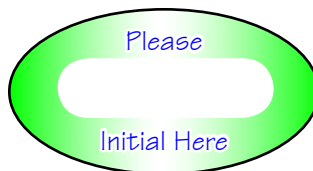


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| 4. ...the words of the Lord _____ | 1. God's _____ and all the words... |
| 5. ...he always has the _____ of hurting people. | 2. ...false testimony against our _____. |
| 10. The Bible tells us to _____ the Devil. | 3. Our _____ will warn us... |
| 12. God created us with a kind of built in "_____ alarm" - our conscience. | 6. You shall not _____ with false... |
| 13. Our conscience will warn us whenever we are about to tell a _____. | 7. The Devil is the _____ of lies. |
| 14. _____, distorted or exaggerated. | 8. The Devil cannot speak the _____ because the truth is not in him. |
| 17. The words of the Lord Jesus are _____ words. | 9. To tell a lie about someone is to "testify _____"... |
| 18. The Lord _____. | 11. When we _____ our conscience... |
| 19. God will _____ the Devil in the lake of fire. | 13. A person who tells lies. |
| | 15. In this way we will feel good _____. |
| | 16. ...we need to be aware of how he will _____ us... |

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The Ten Commandments

- Lesson Eighteen -

The Ninth Commandment (1)

You Shall Not Testify with False Testimony

I. Overview.

Our God is true. All of God's words are true. His enemy, the Devil, is the "father of lies." When we speak lies, especially against another person, we do not stand on God's side, but on the side of His enemy. The Bible tells us that God hates lying lips. It also tells us that God will judge all lies and all liars. By obeying our conscience we can be saved from lying and from God's enemy. In this way we can be preserved as truthful persons.



God wants all our words to be true.

The ninth commandment shows us that our God is the God of truth. The ninth commandment says "You shall not testify with false testimony against your neighbor." This means that we should not say anything about our neighbor that is not true. In principle, it also means that we should not tell lies at all. Because we are God's children, we should be truthful in all that we say. In this way we will please God.

II. Memory Verse.

"You shall not testify with false testimony against your neighbor."

(Exo. 20:16)

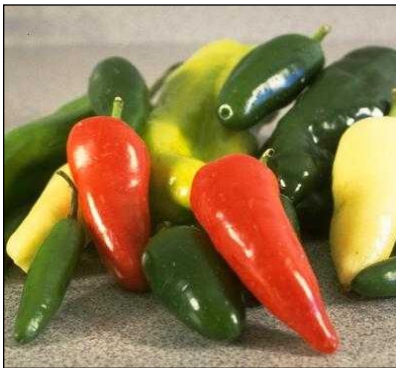
III. Lesson.

To tell a lie about someone is to “testify falsely” or to “bear false witness.” This is not only against God’s nature of being truthful, it is also against God’s basic law of loving our neighbor as ourself. God’s words and all the words of the Lord Jesus are true words. The only thing that the Bible tells us that God cannot do is that He cannot lie.

In contrast, the Devil is called the “father of lies.” Whenever he speaks, he speaks lies. He cannot speak the truth because the truth is not in him. Whatever he says is always twisted, distorted or exaggerated. In addition, he always speaks with the intention of hurting people

We Should Not Follow the Devil to Lie

The Bible tells us to “resist the Devil”. This means that we need to be aware of how he will tempt us and to fight back against him. If we do not resist him, eventually we will become liars. Some people have become liars and are not bothered by telling lies all the time. God is very much against lies and liars. Proverbs tells us that “lying lips are an abomination to the Lord.” God will judge the Devil in the lake of fire because of his lying.



We cannot fool our conscience. It always recognizes a lie and warns us.

Pay Close Attention to Your Conscience

God created us with a kind of build in “burglar alarm – our conscience. Our conscience will warn us whenever we are about to tell a lie. Even before the words come out of our mouth, they are in our mind. Our conscience knows if our words are true.

When our conscience warns us that what we are about to speak is not true, we must stop, and not say the untrue words. Even if we can fool others, we cannot fool our conscience, nor can we fool God.

In the ninth commandment God is showing us that we need to be like Him in the matter of speaking truthfully. When we obey our conscience and speak only the truth we will never hurt our neighbor. If we have God’s heart of love toward our neighbor, we will always want to take care to speak only things that are good for building up. We would never lie or “testify with false testimony against our neighbor.” In this way we will feel good inside and God will be happy with us.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. What does the ninth commandment say?

2. What does it mean to “testify with false testimony against our neighbor?”

3. What is our internal “burglar alarm” against lying?

4. Can we fool our conscience or fool God?

