

4. Is it ever permissible to lie?

So the king of Egypt called the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and let the male children live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." Exodus 1:18–19 (ESV)

5. Conclusion — Ananias and Sapphira

Digging Deeper Sermon Study

1. What is the biggest lie you were ever told? How did you react when you learned the truth?
2. What forms of lying do Christians try to justify? What are the consequences of little lies?
3. What makes gossip so damaging, even if parts of it are true?
4. **Read Acts 4:32-5:11.** What made the sin of Ananias and Sapphira so severe? What can we learn from it? What did their death teach the early church about the importance of truth?
5. What types of lies are you tempted to tell yourself and others?



Command 9 – Do Not Lie

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"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor." Exodus 20:16 (ESV)

1. What does this command mean?

There are six things that the LORD hates, seven that are an abomination to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers. Proverbs 6:16–19 (ESV)

2. Why is it wrong to lie?

You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. John 8:44 (ESV)

...in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began Titus 1:2 (ESV)

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6 (ESV)

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Ephesians 4:25 (ESV)

Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices. Colossians 3:9 (ESV)

Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” John 18:37 (ESV)

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15 (ESV)

3. How do we lie?

1. Flattery

Everyone utters lies to his neighbor; with flattering lips and a double heart they speak. Psalm 12:2 (ESV)

2. Exaggeration

3. Gossip, Slander and Libel

Besides that, they learn to be idlers, going about from house to house, and not only idlers, but also gossips and busybodies, saying what they should not. 1 Timothy 5:13 (ESV)

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. 1 Peter 2:1 (ESV)

For I fear that perhaps when I come I may find you not as I wish, and that you may find me not as you wish—that perhaps there may be quarreling, jealousy, anger, hostility, slander, gossip, conceit, and disorder. 2 Corinthians 12:20 (ESV)

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

The words of a whisperer are like delicious morsels; they go down into the inner parts of the body. Proverbs 18:8 (ESV)

How can I stop the spread of gossip?

1. Tell someone to stop talking.
2. Tell someone to extend the judgment of charity.
3. Tell someone to apply the golden rule.

“So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.” Matthew 7:12 (ESV)

4. Shaping, Holding and Rearranging Facts

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