

**THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**  
Commandment #9: To Tell the Truth  
*Exodus 20:16*

- i. God is perfect, absolute truth. Any thing that is not perfectly and absolutely true is contrary to the very \_\_essence\_\_ of his being.
- ii. What does it mean to ‘bear false witness.’
  - A. ***Literally it means to speak the truth in the place where it counts most, because that is where lying can cost the most, and that is a \_\_court\_\_ of \_\_law\_\_.*** Deuteronomy 19:16-20
  - B. ***Generally it means not to \_\_lie\_\_.***

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**I. Why Was This Command Given?**

- A. God wanted His \_\_character\_\_ to be accurately revealed.
  - 1. ***This command reveals God’s \_\_truthfulness\_\_.***  
*Isaiah 65:16; Proverbs 6:16-19*
  - 2. ***This command reveals God’s \_\_justice\_\_.***  
*Isaiah 30:18; 2 Thessalonians 1:6*
- B. God wants \_\_our\_\_ character to reflect \_\_His\_\_ character.  
*1 Peter 1:15-16*
  - 1. ***How we \_\_live\_\_ and \_\_talk\_\_, whether our behavior and words reflect truthfulness or falsehood, sincerity or insincerity, reflects upon God’s character.***

**II. What Does This Command Mean To Us?**

- A. Literally this command means if we ever finds ourselves in a position of having to give testimony either for or against someone in a court of law, make sure you \_\_tell\_\_ the \_\_truth\_\_.
- B. Generally this command means that everything that comes out of our mouth needs to be accurate, \_\_reliable\_\_ & absolutely truthful.  
**This command is instructing us in four different areas:**
  - 1. ***Don’t \_\_lie\_\_.***  
*Leviticus 19:11c; Psalm 5:6; Proverbs 12:22; Colossians 3:9 Revelation 21:8*
    - a. ***Lying identifies us with the wrong \_\_father\_\_ and the wrong \_\_family\_\_.*** ***John 8:44***
  - 2. ***Don’t \_\_deceive\_\_.***  
*Lying has \_\_no\_\_ truth in it. Deceit has to do with \_\_partial\_\_ truth.*  
*Leviticus 19:11b; Psalm 32:2; 1 Peter 3:10*
  - 3. ***Don’t \_\_distort\_\_.***  
*To \_\_twist\_\_ the truth or take truth out of it’s proper \_\_context\_\_.*

4. ***Don't exaggerate.***  
*To stretch, enlarge, or add to the truth.*

### III. How Do We Use It?

- A. Recognize your potential to be a truth teller.  
***John 16:13***
- B. Purpose to tell the truth.
1. ***You purpose to tell the truth when you choose to not be false.*** *Ephesians 4:25*
  2. ***You purpose to tell the truth when you commit every thought and word that you speak to the Holy Spirit and remember that you will give account for your words.****Matthew 12:36;*
- C. Confess and repent of any “untruths.”
1. ***Confess any untruths to God.***
  2. ***Confess any untruths to the ones you lied to.***  
*James 5:16*