

Bible/College Class Notes - Lesson 177 10 Commandments

Bearing False Witness is Lying to God, ourselves, and others.

This week we consider the 9th of God's 10 Commandments.

“Thou shalt not bear false witness.” Exodus 20v16.

Bible Readings for this week.

(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Acts 4v1-18 (True witness in the Name of Jesus)	
Monday	Acts 4v19-37 (God's Truth preached with boldness)	
Tuesday	Acts 5v1-14 (Lies are always discovered)	
Wednesday	John 8v31-47 (The Truth of God will set you free)	
Thursday	James 3v1-18 (Only God can tame our tongues)	
Friday	1 John 1v1-10 (Beware of inferring, "God is a liar")	
Saturday	Luke 4v1-15 (Get thee behind Me Satan)	

Important thought for all of us: God's character is the opposite of this commandment.

God is Truth, "and in Him is no variableness, or shadow of turning" (James 1v17).

God never lies to us and faithfully keeps all His promises – those of blessing, **and** those of warning and judgement. Satan is the **"Father of Lies", John 8v44**. Satan accused God of lying when he said to Adam and Eve **"Hath God said?"** As God's enemy, and the enemy of our souls, Satan seeks to say the same to us, to steal God's truth from us; to dull our consciences so that we are not troubled by any of our sins, nor for the excuses we make for lying. **The Lord Jesus said, "If ye continue in My word, then are ye My disciples indeed, ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free". John 8v31,32.**

Hymn 468 - A prayer of dedication to serve the Lord in honesty, and truth.

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| 1. Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee:
Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise. | 3. Take my voice, and let me sing,
Always, only, for my King:
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee. |
| 5. Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine:
Take my heart—it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne. | 6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store:
Take myself, and I will be,
Ever, only, all for Thee. |

EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet.

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.

The 10 Commandments – God's Moral Law, His Rules for all time.

God's 9th Commandment –Thou Shalt Not Bear False Witness.

Lying is a very serious sin. A 'gateway' sin, leading us into other sins.

- **The Many Sinful Faces of Lying: -**
 - **False Witness** – Lying to get others into trouble, and us out of it.
 - **Excuses** – 'White Lies', half-truths to escape trouble, blaming others.
 - **Deliberate Lies** – From deceitful, scheming hearts, but God knows the truth.
 - **Deceit** – Hiding the truth, shrugging off guilt, deceiving ourselves, and others.
 - **Hypocrisy** – Outwardly good, but inside a lying heart of pride and hatred.
 - **Duplicity** – 'Two faced', smooth words hiding bitterness and hatred.
 - **Flattery** – Insincere words to impress; cunningly seeking to get our own way.
 - **Broken Promises** – Not keeping one's word, going back on a promise.
- **The Consequences of Lying.**
 - **Each lie twists our character** – habitual liars - becoming bent/crooked.
 - **Lies steal our credibility** – others will see us as liars and will not trust us.
 - **Beware of lying to your soul.** It is a lie to think, **"I do not need a Saviour"**.
 - **Unforgiven lies will take us to Hell** – Revelation 21v8, **"But, the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death"**.
- **How Can We Stop Lying?**
 - **Value truth** – bind it around your neck, write it upon your heart. Proverbs 3v3.
 - **Control your tongue** – Stop, consider, **"Is this truth?"** before you speak.
 - **Praise God**, say positive things, value others higher than yourself.
 - **Worship God** in spirit and in truth. John 4v24. Resist Temptation Luke 4v1-15.
 - **Read and Believe God's Word**, the Bible as being God's inspired truth to us.

Let us recognise the Saviour, Who said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me". John 14v6.

Let us pray to God for His help to resist the temptation to lie, and to seek the Lord's forgiveness for any lies we have told. Remember Ananias and Sapphira.

Note King Solomon's God given wisdom: - **"The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue is but for a moment". and "Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are His delight". Proverbs 12 vs19,22.**