

A DIVINE REMINDER

“I am the Lord your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt, the place of your slavery.” – EXODUS 20:2.

COMMANDMENT #9

“You must not testify falsely against your neighbor.” – EXODUS 20:16; DEUTERONOMY 5:20

FOUR TYPES OF LIES

1. _____ lies

- To give a false statement about someone or something that we know to be false
- It is done intentionally and knowingly

2. _____ lies

- “Socially permitted” lies
- Packaged as helpful or to not inflict harm

3. _____ lies

- The complete truth is not given
- Seeds of doubt are planted

4. _____ lies

- Withholding information fostering false conclusions
- *“Silence is not always golden; sometimes it is criminal.”*
– J. Ellsworth Kalas

THE BIBLE ON LYING

- There is _____ in the 9th commandment for any kind of lie

[Jesus] *“You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”* – JOHN 8:31-32

- Lying is _____ to God

“The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in those who tell the truth.” – PROVERBS 12:22

“There are six things the Lord hates—no, seven things he detests: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that kill the innocent, a heart that plots evil, feet that race to do wrong, a false witness who pours out lies, a person who sows discord in a family.” – PROVERBS 6:16-19

HOW TO BE HONEST

1. Decide to _____ tell the truth

“For the Scriptures say, ‘If you want to enjoy life and see many happy days, keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies. Turn away from evil and do good. Search for peace, and work to maintain it.’” – 1 PETER 3:10-11

“Does anyone want to live a life that is long and prosperous? Then keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies!” – PSALM 34:12-13

2. Invite _____

“As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.”
– PROVERBS 27:17

“Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.”
– JAMES 5:16

3. Come _____ when you blow it

“People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy.”
– PROVERBS 28:13

“If we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.” – 1 JOHN 1:9