

OF LAWFUL OATHS AND VOWS
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Matthew 5;33-37
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To be bounded by God's honor in swearing and performing oaths is perhaps one of the greatest forms of genuine worship.

1. Many in the church today have divorced their claims of loyalty to God from their loyalty to others. (The Problem) Para 1 [M.v.33] xrf I Tim 1:8-11 ESV

2. God has called us to be faithful in all our commitments without external obligations. (The Correction) Para 2-3

a. We should NOT be forced into faithfulness out of religious duty. [vv34-35]
xrf Matt.23:16-17 ESV

b. We should NOT be forced into faithfulness out of personal gain .[v.36]
xrf Acts 8:18-23 ESV

c. We SHOULD be moved into faithfulness out of a new nature. [v.37]
crf James 5:7-12 ESV

3. We MUST recognize that not following through is rebellion before God. (The Follow-Through) Para 4-5 [v. 37b]