

Speaking Only the Truth

Matthew 5:33-37

Main Point:

As a disciple of the One who never lied, speak only the truth, always keeping your word.

1. We all have a propensity to not tell the truth.

2. Yet, Jesus wants us to tell nothing but the truth, always keeping our word.

3. You can be truthful like God because Jesus always told the truth for you.

Cross-References and Quotations

Leviticus 19:12 ¹² And you shall not swear [that is, to take an oath] by My name falsely, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I *am* the LORD. (NKJV)

Deuteronomy 23:23 ²³ "That which has gone from your lips you shall keep and perform, for you voluntarily vowed to the LORD your God what you have promised with your mouth. (NKJV)

Dan Doriani "[While] we [may] rarely take a blunderbuss and blast a hole through the truth ... we do slay the truth with a thousand paper cuts."

Proverbs 6:16-17a ¹⁶ These six *things* the LORD hates, Yes, seven *are* an abomination to Him: ¹⁷ A proud look, A lying tongue ... (NKJV)

Sinclair Ferguson "Jesus wants our answers to be straight-forward 'yes' or 'no' – without duplicity and without embellishment."

John 8:44 ⁴⁴ ... He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with 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. (ESV)

Deuteronomy 32:3-4 ³ For I proclaim the name of the LORD: Ascribe greatness to our God. ⁴ *He is* the Rock, His work *is* perfect; For all His ways *are* justice, A God of truth ... (NKJV)

Numbers 23:19 ¹⁹ God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it? (ESV)

Dan Doriani "Even if circumstances change, even if we get a better offer, even if faithfulness becomes difficult, even if the temptation to break a vow seems unbearable, even if keeping the vow brings real loss, even if no one but God will know if we break our vow, we should still do what we say."

Proverbs 12:22 ²² Lying lips *are* an abomination to the LORD, But those who deal truthfully *are* His delight. (NKJV)

Isaiah 53:9 ⁹ And they made His grave with the wicked-- But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor *was any* deceit in His mouth. (NKJV)

Colossians 3:9-10 ⁹ Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, ¹⁰ and have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him. (NKJV)