

Bible Study Outline

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Man's Word and Character—Never Lie

Biblical Text: Exodus 20:16

Part One

I. Introduction

II. Who is to Obey This Commandment? How Long Was this Commandment to Be in Force?

A. *Read Ephesians 4:25; Col. 3:9*

B. *Read Exodus 20:16; Exodus 23:1*

C. *Read Proverbs 6:16-19; Matthew 12:36-37*

III. What is Forbidden by this Commandment?

Note how Scripture itself defines a false witness:

A. *A false witness is a person who breathes out lies: (Prov. 14:5; 19:5)*

B. *A false witness is a person who shares a false report: (Ex.23:1)*

C. *A false witness is a person who deceives: (Prov. 12:17)*

D. *False witness means any kind of lying: (Hosea 4:1-2)*

IV. There are Several Forms or Kinds of Lies, and They Must Be Diligently Guarded Against

A. *There is _____ (Psalm 101:5; 10:18)*

B. *There is _____ or _____ or _____ (1 Tim. 5:13; 1 Peter 4:15; Lev. 19:16; Prov. 11:13; 16:28; 26:20)*

C. *There are _____ (Ex. 23:1; Jer. 9:4)*

D. *There is _____ (Prov. 12:17; 24:28)*

E. *There are _____ (Mt. 5:11-12; 1 Peter 3:16; Psalm 31:13)*

F. *There is _____ (Job 32:31; Pr. 20:19; 26:28; 28:23; 29:5; 1 Th. 2:4-5; Prov. 24:24)*

G. *There are innumerable ways in which we lie, such as...*

V. A Lie Has At least Three Terrible Effects Upon People

A. *Lying misrepresents the truth.*

B. *Lying deceives a person.*

C. *Lying builds a wrong relationship.*

VI. Four Facts About Lying or Bearing False Witness

A. *False witness is usually shared with loved ones and good friends...*

B. *Bearing tales about a person, whether true or untrue...*

C. *You shall be judged by God.*

D. *If a person truly loves, he will not bear false witness about anyone.*

VII. What is the Source of Lies and Lying?

VIII. Who is the Source of Truth?

A. Scripture declares time and again that God is the God of truth (Num. 23:19; Dt. 32:4; 2 Sam. 7:28; Ps. 146:5-6; Is. 65:16; Ro. 3:4; Tit. 1:2; Heb. 6:17-18).

IX. What is the Foundation or Basis of Society?

X. Should We Ever Tell the Truth Bluntly or Harshly?

A. Truth is to be spoken in love and kindness not in harshness and ugliness (Eph. 4:15; 31-32).

TO GOD BE THE GLORY