

False Witness

I. The Meaning And Importance Of This Commandment

A. The primary meaning:

B. The ramifications

C. The Important

1. Because bearing false witness _____
God's glory.

2. Because bearing false witness desecrates the
image of God _____.

3. Because bearing false witness desecrates the
image of _____.

II. What We Should Do About It

A. Cultivate _____ in you.

²⁰ But you did not learn Christ in this way, ²¹ if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, ²² that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, ²³ and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth. Ephesians 4:20-24

B. _____ before you speak.

but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, NAU Ephesians 4:15

Therefore, laying aside falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE of you WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, for we are members of one another. NAU Ephesians 4:25

Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear. NAU Ephesians 4:29

C. A few key questions:

- What is the _____?

- Am I motivated by _____?

- Will it _____?

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Question 76: Which is the ninth commandment

Answer: The ninth commandment is, "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."

Question 77: What is required in the ninth commandment?

Answer: The ninth commandment requires the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and of our own and our neighbor's good name, especially in witness-bearing.

Question 78: What is forbidden in the ninth commandment?

Answer: The ninth commandment forbids whatsoever is prejudicial to truth, or injurious to our own or our neighbor's good name.

Scripture Reading

¹⁵ "A single witness shall not rise up against a man on account of any iniquity or any sin which he has committed; on the evidence of two or three witnesses a matter shall be confirmed. ¹⁶ "If a malicious witness rises up against a man to accuse him of wrongdoing, ¹⁷ then both the men who have the dispute shall stand before the LORD, before the priests and the judges who will be in office in those days. ¹⁸ "The judges shall investigate thoroughly, and if the witness is a false witness and he has accused his brother falsely, ¹⁹ then you shall do to him just as he had intended to do to his brother. Thus you shall purge the evil from among you. Deuteronomy 19:15-19

¹⁶ There are six things which the LORD hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: ¹⁷ Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸ A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that run rapidly to evil, ¹⁹ A false witness who utters lies, And one who spreads strife among brothers. Proverbs 6:16-19

¹⁶ 'These are the things which you should do: speak the truth to one another; judge with truth and judgment for peace in your gates. ¹⁷ 'Also let none of you devise evil in your heart against another, and do not love perjury; for all these are what I hate,' declares the LORD."
NAU Zechariah 8:16-17