



Welcome back to the Ten Commandments Series: “JUST DO IT!”
“Commandments #9 Do not bear false witness” 2-19-17

Please catch last week’s sermon “10 Do’s Part 1” www.ENJOYLWC.com

We like to start with something funny each week: Comedian George Burns is quoted as saying: **“The secret of a GOOD SERMON is to have a GOOD BEGINNING and a GREAT ENDING; and the two should be as close together as humanly possible!”** Is there an Amen?

Along those lines, sister in law Sandy last week came to me after the sermon **with both thumbs up!** said: **“I MADE IT THRU THE WHOLE SERVICE TODAY!!”** (ok, she nearly broke her hip the week before.....but I had forgotten that! Lol)

I couldn’t help but wonder how many more of you felt the same! **So, I shortened it from 2 commandments today to just one more!** **“Good beginning! Good Ending! And two should be close together! Here we go!**



We have a tradition: **Grab your Bible and hold it up today:**

“THIS IS MY BIBLE

I am what it says I am!

I HAVE what it says I Have!

I CAN DO what it says I can do!”

Today I WILL be taught the Word of God,

I boldly CONFESS: My Mind is Alert, my Heart is Receptive,

I will NEVER be the same, In Jesus name. (Pray)



NIKE SPORTS has coined the slogan that says what?

“JUST _____” (DO IT!). God LOVES US SO MUCH that He gives us some boundaries to live within! INSIDE those boundaries we find LIFE! LIFE ABUNDANTLY! SAFTEY! HOPE! Outside of these bounds we find Pain/ loss/ emptiness/ shame / guilt/ separation/ despair.....

- **First command: ²“I am the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of slavery.” STAY OUT OF THAT LAND! ~JUST DO IT!** Be not enslaved anylonger.
- **Second command: Exodus 20: ³“You shall have no other gods before^{me} me. Stop making or seeking idols to replace ME!” ... GOD and GOD ALONE- JUST DO IT!**
- **3rd: ⁷“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.” REVERE HIS HOLY NAME!-**

- 4th: ⁸“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.” SET THIS APART (Holy is to be set apart for God’s purpose- make it sacred again-).JUST DO IT!
- 5th: “Honor your father and mother” – give their advice and wisdom weight due them.
- 6th: “Do not murder” - Jesus takes it further 1)no anger, no call names, no hate (All which in that order LEAD TO MURDER) JUST DO IT!
- 7th: “Do not commit adultery” (Sin starts with a “Glance”) We had 29 men out on Wednesday for Conquer Group! Snow storms! HOW many tonight at 6:30? ☺
- 8th: “You shall not steal” Emotionally, physically, or spiritually- Auto tithe for those stealing from God in your bulletin . :-) JUST DO IT!

Today I want to talk to you about: Cmmnd#9 is “You shall not give false witness”

What is “False witness”? It is to Intentionally misrepresent the truth;To lie; Discredit.

1991 Book *The Day America told the Truth* by Patterson & Kim “Lying has become a cultural trait in America. Lying is embedded in our national character..... the majority of Americans today (2 out of 3) believe that there is nothing wrong with telling a lie.” (Anyone concerned with this?)

Raise your hand if you have been LIED TO! LIED ABOUT!? MISREPRESENTED!? Raise your hand if you liked it? (hmm.)

THEN learn from that and don’t misrepresent the intentions of others or bear false witness against your neighbor (be they a church neighbor, a person down the street, co-worker, teacher, kid you don’t like at school. Bless those who persecute you.). Amen?

Matthew 7:12 - The Golden Rule:

12So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.”

So WHO was the first LIAR? EVER!? Satan the serpent!

Who was the first victim of “False witness” of “Misrepresentation” EVER?: GOD!

- **Genesis Ch. 3:1** “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’” (In my studies this week it HIT ME! That was spoken to Create doubt in EVE! Undermine GOD’S AUTHORITY ! UNDERMINE GOD’S GOODNESS! GOD’S Protection! HIS HESED “Above and beyond favor!”) You might ask: But why then put a tree to choose something other than God? God loves us enough to give POWER OF C.H.O.I.C.E. .

Illustration: My first memorable lie was when my Mom told me to get a bath to be ready for church tomorrow. About 5 minutes later I shared my enthusiasm for taking a bath. Yet I was remarkably DRY, still DIRTY, tub was DRY, towel was DRY, soap was DRY! It was only then I realized how BRIGHT my parents were and how dull a lie is! LOL. “Be sure your sin will find you out!”

REMEMBER, satan’s REBELLION, his self esteem needed others on his team! He wanted to be trusted, believed, embraced, to bring others down to his level because “Misery loves company” - THIS IS WHAT WE DO WHEN WE LIE ABOUT OTHERS. We take a swipe at their goodness, we try to bring them to our low estate, most commonly because of OUR sin in our own lives (remember, lying (Misrepresenting truth) comes on the heels of Murder/ Adultery/ on the heels of stealing commandments respectively.)

Vs. 5 satan the serpent continues his case against God To EVE, “For God knows that when you eat from it

your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

- **your eyes will be opened,** (Satan is Insinuating that your eyes are not FULLY opened now and that God is holding back goodness from you! LIE! He was holding back the pain of poor choices! EVE had it as good as it gets!! Walking with GOD and her husband in the Middle east utopia of the Garden of Eden!)

you will be like God, (Insinuating that you can attain a HIGHER place by disobedience, by dissent and resistance- seems like satan is using the same tactics today- “Evolution” / or our sexual revolution that has given rise to places like **Example: “PLANNED PARENTHOOD”** “You will be like God”(to determine the end of life) –(PP is a Non-profit tax exempt organization that gets about \$500m/yr of federal aid)

(by title you would think they “well baby visits, ultra sounds, happy thoughts... lets Plan your parenthood ☺)

PP ultrasounds are only offered to determine if the “fetus” is young enough to abort. Corning, Ny. Staff member said on taped call “No, we only do- we can only do ultrasounds if you are terminating.” (No prenatal care, at 92 other sites across America surveyed) **THAT IS MISREPRESENTATION.** This isn’t about helping a teen /young adult become a Mom. It’s about being renumerated by our tax \$\$ for performing abortions & Birth control & sexually transmitted disease checks.

TRUTH: I looked up the Definition of Planned parenthood on google: It was formed in 1916 by Margaret Sanger (born in Corning ny!) as a **“Birth Control Clinic”, then changed to “Birth Control League”1921.** Then changed name to “PLANNED PARENTHOOD IN 1942,” (where the lie began- for it’s not about parenthood, it’s about planning to avoid parenthood at the expense of the unborn.) **Sanger said in her book: “the most merciful thing that a family does to one of it’s infant members is to kill it.”**

PP has remained true to it’s original intent,**TERMINATE UNWANTED PREGNANCY.**

May they return it to correct name: **“Birth Control League”** in their policy to **“REMOVE THE INCONVENIENCE OF women CHOICES”** If we did Commandment 7: “no adultery”, then we wouldn’t be guilty of Commandment 8 “Do not murder!”

IF YOU are one who had an abortion, please know that God’s forgiveness is already bought and paid for on the Cross of calvary over 2000 years ago. Seek Him and He will bring you cleansing and peace.

IF YOU or someone you know is in need, please see us or reach out to our local - Praise God for “Pregnancy Care Centers” forming and we are supporting with our Baby Bottle drives today.

-) **POSITIVE** Of keeping the child: Tim Tebo (1987 Phillipines, health reasons: “abort” **NO!** We dedicate Tim to you God. In His 2009 Championship football game he wore John 3:16. Google had over 92 million hits to look up John 3:16!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Do not abort! Do not buy the lie of satan that life is dispensable because it seems inconvenient!

Vs. 5 satan continues his case against God, “For God knows that when you eat of the forbidden fruit **your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”**

- **knowing good and evil.”** (Eve didn’t think this Thru! There was a bit of truth in each one of these lies! **BUT EACH LIE UNDERMINED GOD’S GOOD INTENTIONS TO**

PROTECT HIS CREATION FROM FAILURE & DEEP PAIN! God kept them from “knowledge of Good and Evil” **because they were meant to only KNOW GOOD!**

GOD IS PRO-CHOICE! CHOOSE to obey these commandments and it will go **WELL** for you! Choose not commit adultery! Not to commit Murder! And Not to live a lie! **HE WILL BRING GOOD FROM IT!**

(Satan **MISREPRESENTED** the forbidden fruit Like it was an **AWESOME THING THAT GOD INTENTIONALLY KEPT FROM MANKIND TO HURT THEM!**)

Another reason That God tells us to avoid lying and to speak the truth is that lying is destructive. **IT HURTS ME** if I lie, it **HURTS RELATIONSHIPS** of those we lied to! **BREAKS TRUTH/Trust.**

God who values truth because he himself is THE TRUTH.

The Hebrew word for truth is "emet" and it is made up of 3 letters in the Hebrew alphabet...the first letter, the last letter and letter in the very middle of the alphabet. This indicates that "emet" includes the **"first things"** and the **"last things"** and **"everything in between"**. We are to be **truthful in ALL THINGS.** “like the joke we started with” Good beginning! **TRUTH!** “ a “Good ending” in the **LIGHT OF TRUTH**” and may they be as close together as possible in **TRUTH!**

What could compel People to lie? Even You or Me?

-I think a reason we may lie is to “**give false testimony against your neighbor.**” So that we “**LOOK BETTER**” to someone else (**LOW self – esteem, makes us “STEP on someone else” to make ME TALLER ☺**) - **OUCH!**) **Not truth.**

Embellishing/stretching the truth....**Ananias and Sapphira** –beginning of church age after Jesus became the **NEW COVENANT** In the New testament: (Acts 5:1-11) Lied about how much they gave to the early church and God held them accountable that day.

-I think another reason people lie is to **AVOID PUNISHMENT** – to **HIDE** something (refer to sewer and digging the hole deeper and making it worse)

FALSE TESTIMONY is **SOMETIMES** the **TRUTH** that **WHAT WE** conveniently “**LEAVE OUT**” of the story!

LYING, Cutting corners on the exam, STRETCHING the TRUTH, Leaving out KEY info: WHAT IS THE BIG DEAL...EVERYONE IS DOING IT!!!!..starting with SATAN..

REALITY CHECK ABOUT LYING!!!! Revelation 21: **8**But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters **and all liars-- their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."**

YIKES!!!! Lying is SERIOUS.....

Proverbs 12:19

19 Truthful lips endure forever,
but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.

20 There is deceit in the hearts of those who plot evil,
but joy for those who promote peace.

21 No harm befalls the righteous,
but the wicked have their fill of trouble.

22 The LORD detests lying lips,
but he delights in men who are truthful.

Colossians 3:9-10 (NIV)

⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator

Lying is the native language of satan. When we lie we shed blame, cover misdeeds, make others look bad.

"the truth shall set you free"

LOVE sums up the laws: Love the Lord your God with all your Heart, soul, mind, and strength. Love your neighbor as yourself. Love should keep your mouth from taking His name in vain and it should bring you & I to His house to gather regularly. **HONORING. JUST DO IT!**

Jesus has something to say about each of the 10 Commandments. Mt. 5:17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law (the 10 Do's) but to fulfill them."

Let's all pray this out loud together repeat after me "*Lord Jesus (repeat), forgive me of my sins (repeat), come into my heart (repeat), I make you my Lord and Savior (repeat).*"

Romans 10:9 "If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved."