

Commandment 9

Don't Lie against your Neighbor

Deuteronomy 5:20



- Let's say your neighbor isn't that nice, he is difficult
- You don't like him and then something happens
- You have the opportunity to lie about him
- Or you have someone at work that you don't like
- You are talking to a co-worker and tell a lie about the person



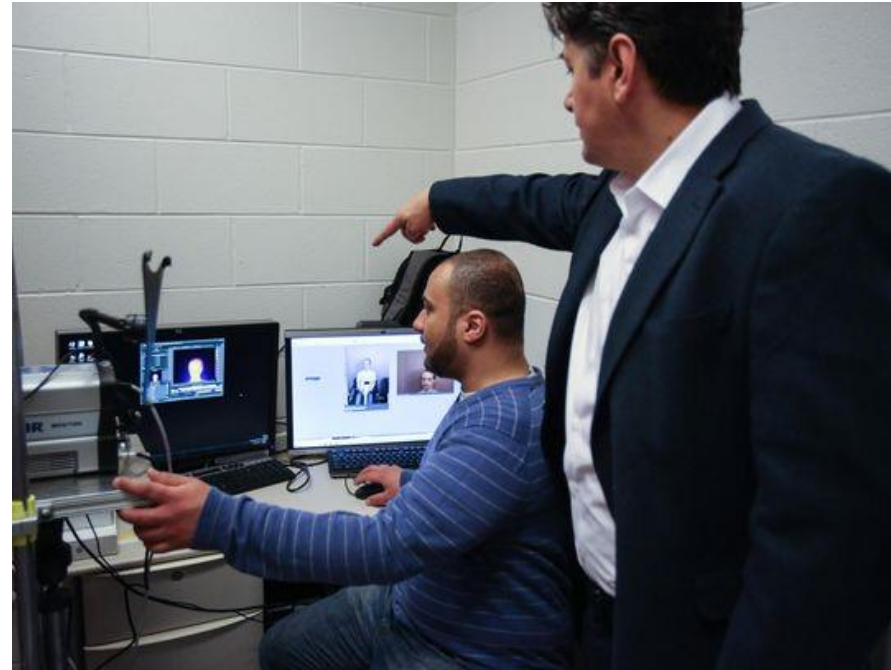
I. Why is Lying Bad?



- Some lies go on for a lifetime
- There was a young woman named “Anna” Anderson
- She claimed to be the Anastasia Romanov of the Russian royalty
- Anna kept telling the lie her entire life until her death in 1984
- But DNA proved her wrong, she lived a lie



- We lie to cover a wrong that we did
- Maybe you didn't get a paper in on time at work
- Or you lie about a person that you don't like to get them in trouble
- Maybe you did something wrong at work
- So you lie and say someone else did it



- The truth is what really happened
- And people want to know the truth because that is reality
- Can you trust a person that lies to you? NO



- What about 1 lie? One lie leads to more lies
- And you know what happens if you are caught lying
- If it is serious enough, you could lose your job or your marriage
- Proverbs 19:9 *A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who breathes out lies will perish.*



- Jesus taught that lying is from the Devil
- John 8:44 *You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. 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.*



II. Who is my Neighbor?



- This command says don't give false testimony against your neighbor. You may say, so is it OK to lie against my enemy?
- Or maybe I can lie against my co-worker since he isn't my neighbor



- Jesus started to tell one of the most famous parables-stories
- There was a man that was walking along a road and some robbers took all of his things, beat him and even took his clothes.
- They left him on the side of the road ½ dead



- Jesus was making a point, everyone is your neighbor
- So don't lie against anyone
- Colossians 3:9 *Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self*



- When a person becomes a Christian, he puts off the old person
- The way the world works is full of lies
- But God is saying, don't be like that
- Take off that old self that used to lie and put on truth



III. Speaking the Truth



We know that God is truth and therefore, he wants us to speak truth

Ephesians 4:15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ

Ephesians 4:25 Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.

- What if I did the right thing and my boss has it out for me?
- Sometimes, we do the right thing and we get in trouble because everyone else wants the wrong thing to be done
- Then you entrust your life to God and let him work



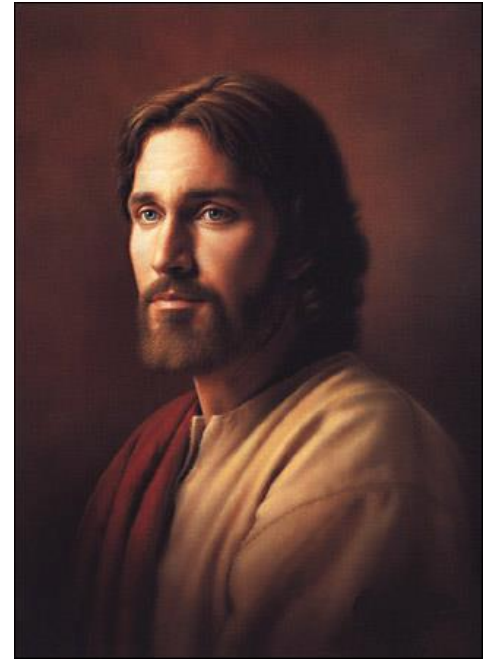
- Sherron Watkins worked at the Enron corp in accounting
- She noticed accounting irregularities and reported them to the CEO
- And ultimately these accounting lies lead to Enron's bankruptcy
- Sherron testified about the lies, but it wasn't easy for her



By the way, it is easier to speak the truth because you don't have to remember anything. I mean you don't have to remember who you told the lies to. When you told the lies. Why you told the lies.



- And one more person that you can trust is Jesus Christ
- John 14:6 *“I am the way, and **the truth**, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*
- Jesus didn’t claim to be a truthful person
- But Jesus said that he was **the truth**



- Jesus is the way to God the Father, Jesus is saying that if you want to get to heaven and be with God forever, you get there through Jesus. You put your faith in Jesus as your Savior
- And then Jesus will be your life, eternal life
- The truth is very important, do you trust Jesus to give you eternal life?



Commandment 9 Don't Lie against your Neighbor Deut 5:20

Let's say your neighbor isn't that nice, he is difficult
You don't like him and then something happens
The police come to arrest him and you are asked if your neighbor did
something bad. You have the opportunity to lie about him
You can speak against your neighbor and he will go to jail
It is a lie, it didn't happen, but you don't like him so you lie
You say something false to get him in trouble
Or you have someone at work that you don't like
You are talking to a co-worker and tell a lie about the person
God says, don't do it, don't lie about someone
Don't give false testimony

I. Why is Lying Bad?

Everyone does it
Some lies go on for a lifetime
There was a young woman named "Anna" Anderson
She claimed to be the Anastasia Romanov of the Russian royalty
The whole Romanov family was murdered during the Russian revolution
Anna was about the same age, she claimed to escape the killing
And she had a knowledge of the royal family
Some believed her, but many who knew Anastasia did not
She enjoyed royal parties for years with those who believed her
Anna kept telling the lie her entire life until her death in 1984
But DNA proved her wrong, she lived a lie
We lie to cover a wrong that we did
Maybe you didn't get a paper in on time at work
Your boss asks you where it is
I must have sent it to the wrong person, I'll get it
And then you hurry to complete it
Or you lie about a person that you don't like to get them in trouble
Maybe you did something wrong at work
So you lie and say someone else did it
That person at work that no one likes
Maybe that person no one likes lies all the time
So you know the boss will not trust him, but will trust you
Lying is wrong, you know that
The truth is what really happened
And people want to know the truth because that is reality
Can you trust a person that lies to you? NO
Lies are not reality, lies will confuse people
and lies lead to not trusting in you

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And you know what happens if you are caught lying
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who breathes out lies will perish.*
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your father's desires. 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.*

I don't want to be associated with the Devil

He is the father of lies, no truth is in him

I trust that you are I will work at telling the truth

II. Who is my Neighbor?

This command says don't give false testimony against your
Neighbor. You may say, so is it OK to lie against my enemy?
Or maybe I can lie against my co-worker since he isn't my
Neighbor. Jesus was talking about a neighbor in another teaching
A teacher of the law heard Jesus teaching about love your neighbor
And he asked, who is my neighbor?
The teacher of the law had a very strict idea about who his neighbors
were. Those who lived in homes next to his house
Those are the only people that I have to love
Jesus started to tell one of the most famous parables-stories
There was a man that was walking along a road and some robbers
took all of his things, beat him and even took his clothes.
They left him on the side of the road ½ dead
A priest came by and saw him but walked on the other side of the
road. A Levite-religious leader, also saw him but walked on
the other side of the road. Then a Samaritan came by and took pity
on him. He bandaged his wounds, put him on his donkey and took
him to an Inn. He paid the Innkeeper money to take care of him
Which of the 3 men was a neighbor to the man?
The Teacher of the Law could not even say Samaritan
Because the Jews hated the Samaritans
Think of a group of people that your country hates
They were ½ Jewish and didn't worship God at the temple in Jerusalem
Jesus was making a point, everyone is your neighbor
So don't lie against anyone

Colossians 3:9 *Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self*
Christians are to act differently. I want to help you understand why
Because God is truthful, he wants us to be truthful
Christians are to be like God the Father
When a person becomes a Christian, he puts off the old person
The way the world works is full of lies
But God is saying, don't be like that
Take off that old self that used to lie and put on truth
Act like your heavenly Father

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We know that lies aren't true.
We know that God is truth and therefore, he wants us to speak truth
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Ephesians 4:25 *Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.*
You might say, what if the truth makes me look bad?
What did you do that was bad?
Confession may be good for you
What if I did the right thing and my boss has it out for me?
Sometimes, we do the right thing and we get in trouble because everyone else wants the wrong thing to be done
Then you entrust your life to God and let him work
That's not to say that it will be easy
Many times in a corrupt world the truthful man pays the price
Sherron Watkins worked at the Enron corp in accounting
She noticed accounting irregularities and reported them to the CEO
He did not bring the information to the public

When it was known within Enron that Watkins brought the accounting lies to the CEO, she was moved to a different department
And she was known as a troublemaker and moved many times
And ultimately these accounting lies lead to Enron's bankruptcy
Sherron testified about the lies, but it wasn't easy for her
Usually, speaking the truth is not that big of a deal
We are just speaking truth, what really happened
By the way, it is easier to speak the truth because you don't have to remember anything. I mean you don't have to remember who you told the lies to. When you told the lies. Why you told the lies.
You will forget something, then your lie will get you trouble
Speak the truth and you will be known as a truthful person
People will trust you
And one more person that you can trust is Jesus Christ
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Jesus didn't claim to be a truthful person
But Jesus said that he was **the truth**
And because he is the truth, you can trust him
Jesus is the way to God the Father, Jesus is saying that if you want to get to heaven and be with God forever, you get there through Jesus. You put your faith in Jesus as your Savior
And then Jesus will be your life, eternal life
The truth is very important, do you trust Jesus to give you eternal life?