

Study 10 Commandments – we have learned 8; now 9th commandment.

Ex. 20:16 “YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR” (NKJV)

- Expand “bear false witness” (old English) = lies; lies forbid!
- “YOU MUST NOT TELL LIES ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBOR” (NCV)
- Who is my neighbor? not next door, everyone!
- Remember last wk – Eph. 4:21-24 Christian behavior – off old, on new!

Then the next verse! Eph 4:25 - So you must stop telling lies. Tell each other the truth, because we all belong to each other in the same body. (NCV)

Notice Paul is talking to Christians! And Colossians 3:9-10 – “⁹ Don’t lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. ¹⁰ Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like Him.” NLT *(many verses today – see list at end)*

Lies – started with Satan/snake in the garden ref Gen 3:1-5

**ref Gen, 37 – Joseph’s coat many colors; goat’s blood; father thinks dead

**ref Acts 5 – Ananias and Saphirra sold land; kept part money; lied to God

God’s plan – you and me never talk false/lie against anyone, twist story; gossip, backstab; none! Assume good; protect my neighbor’s good name.

Young man from TSD and LA Deaf Camp - Brennan’s video - honesty

Opposite of lies – TRUTH! Truth-telling is part of character/nature of God!
Hebrews 6:18 – “...It is impossible for God to lie...”

Proverbs 12:22 – “The LORD hates those who tell lies, but He is pleased with those who keep their promises (tell the truth).” (NCV)

Psalm 101:7 – “He who works deceit shall not dwell within My house; He who tells lies shall not continue in My presence.” (NKJV)

Nowadays, we have a hard time telling what is truth and what is lies?

Leaders fake/twisted news; fake stories on the internet; fake websites (pix)

What is foundation for truth?!? If we are Christian and truly want to follow obey God/Jesus/HS – we must depend on His Word! The Bible (pix)

Sometimes truth is hard – my experience with UI

Exodus 20:16 – You must not bear false witness against your neighbor.

No LIES! Against neighbor? ALL! Good news – God forgives! 1 John 1:9