



“The Ninth Commandment: Lying” (Exodus 20:16)

INTRODUCTION

I. What is Lying?

- Numbers 35:30
- Proverbs 10:18; 12:17; 19:9

II. Why is Lying Forbidden?

1. Because it _____ Him being the truth (John 17:3; Psalm 119:142, 151; Proverbs 6:16-19; 12:22).
2. Because a person's name is _____ (Proverbs 22:1-2).
3. Because _____ matter (Proverbs 18:21).
4. Because God's _____ is not for sale (Proverbs 23:23).
5. Because that is how non-Christians _____ (Colossians 3:9).

III. What Are Some Examples of Breaking the Ninth Commandment?

1. _____ (John 8:44; Leviticus 5:1)
2. _____ (Proverbs 18:8)
3. _____ (James 4:11; Exodus 23:1)
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____ (Psalm 12:2-3)

IV. What About Rahab and Deceit in the Bible?

- Cf. Joshua 2
- Zechariah 8:16-17

CONCLUSION

TAKE IT A STEP FURTHER

- 1) What lies are “easy” for Christians to justify and why?
- 2) How can we better defend the idea of absolute truth in a relativistic society?
- 3) Book Recommendation – *The Law of Perfect Freedom* by Michael Horton.