

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1178: Is There a Difference Between Exaggerating and Lying?

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SHOW NOTES

1. How does the ninth Commandment relate to the other commandments?
To what aspect of life does it apply and how does it help to govern society? (See Exodus 20:16)
2. What does the Jewish Law say about bearing false witness? What are the legal and moral applications? Why are we using Leviticus? How does the eighth Commandment on stealing bear on the ninth Commandment? (See Exodus 20:16, Leviticus 19:15-18)
3. How did Joseph's brothers lie without even speaking? What lessons can we learn from their example and how can we apply them to our lives today? (See Genesis 37:29-36)
4. Are exaggeration and hyperbole always considered being a false witness? If not, under what circumstances do they become so? (Psalms 5:4-6)
5. In the Jewish Law, what was the procedure to prevent witnesses from spreading false or exaggerated statements against those they did not like? What was the penalty for purposefully representing someone else dishonestly? Why was it so severe? (See Deuteronomy 19:15-21, Psalms 5:4-6)
6. In what way were Ananias and Sapphira guilty of bearing false witness? What was the *purpose* in their lie about the sale of their property? Could we be guilty of this kind of exaggeration in our lives? (See Acts 5:1-4)
7. What did Jesus teach about how to effectively communicate as Christians? Why can dramatizing a situation be counterproductive? Is this always so, or can we tease and joke with friends and family at times? (See Matthew 5:33-37)
8. How did Jesus handle those who stood against him at his trial? By using Jesus' own statements, how did the "witnesses" against him seek to discredit him? Have you ever used someone else's words out of context to undermine their position? (See Matthew 26:59-64)
9. What were the stages the leaders took to incite the mob that stoned Stephen? Have you seen or participated in anything that used these tactics to change people's opinions of something that threatened their position or beliefs? (See Acts 6:8-15)
10. What must we do when we break old habits? To break these habits of bearing false witness and exaggerating, what are the 5 precepts listed in 1 Thessalonians 5? (See 1 Thessalonians 5:15, 21-22)
11. What are the 7 steps we can follow to build a dependable and trustworthy Christian life? (See Ephesians 4:25-32)
12. Do you ever bear false witness or exaggerate? Is this always a poor behavior? When is exaggeration acceptable? How are you going to combat the bad aspects of exaggeration and false witnessing in your life?