

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1452: What Does It Really Mean to Bear False Witness?

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See:



1. Explain the Ninth Commandment. In what way does it have a legal focus? (Exodus 20:16)
2. What factors can pervert justice? What did the instructions in Exodus 23:1-9 warn Israel (and all believers) against when testifying against a neighbor? Why was this important?
3. How did the principles in Deuteronomy 19:15-21 regarding witnesses and disputes safeguard justice? What would the effect be of the harsh penalties on a society?
4. In what way can we bear false witness against ourselves?
5. What does Matthew 15:19-20 teach about the relationship between inner motives and outward acts of dishonesty?
6. How does Jesus' summary of the Law in Matthew 22:37-40 deepen our understanding of the Ninth Commandment?
7. What significance does Jesus' statement, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" have in our lives? (John 14:5-6)
8. How did the religious leaders violate the Ninth Commandment in their efforts to condemn Jesus? What can we learn from Jesus' responses during his trial? (Matthew 26:59-66)
9. What is the four-step progression for rationalizing the bearing of false witness used by Stephen's accusers—and also possibly used by us in our day-to-day experiences? (Acts 6:8-14)
10. Have you ever allowed emotion, loyalty to a group, or a strongly held opinion to influence how you present facts about another person? How will you behave differently next time?
11. How do your words consistently reflect the standard of edification and grace described by Paul in Ephesians 4:29-30? Do they ever damage another person's reputation?
12. In a difficult situation, how are you willing to follow Jesus' example of standing for truth with integrity even if the truth may bring personal loss or discomfort? (John 14:6, Matthew 26:63-66)