

Kingdom Integrity

Gospel of Matthew, Part 27

Matthew 5:33-37

Sermon outline

“Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who deal faithfully are His delight.” Proverbs 12:22

I. The Art of Deception: an ancient tradition

A. Form over substance

B. The form shown to be a sham

II. The Art of Deception in modern form

A. Why do we tend to use oaths?

B. How are we not truthful?

C. Why do we lie?

D. The consequences of lying: broken relationships

III. Truthfulness: a hallmark of integrity

A. What is integrity?

B. God is absolutely truthful ... and trustworthy

C. We are called be truthful ... and trustworthy

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Questions for Discussion & Reflection

4 Keys to Understanding Matthew 5:20-48

1. All the Bible and this passage must be understood in light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (Matt. 5:17)
2. Jesus provides the righteousness that He requires through Faith. (Matt. 5:20)
3. The Law is not a way TO life, but a way OF life IN Christ.
4. The Law drives us to the Gospel; the Gospel drives us to one another.

1. How do we engage in similar kinds of oaths (even if we don't use the word) that Jesus condemns in Matt. 5:33-37?
2. Based on this passage, is Jesus making a blanket prohibition of oaths? Can you support your answer from Scripture?
3. If a prohibition of oaths is not the main point here, what then is Jesus' emphasis?
4. Where do lies show up in everyday life? In addition to blatant lies, describe other forms of untruths.
5. God condemns lying, which is reason enough to tell the truth, but how do lies affect life and relationships?
6. What suggestions would you give for being more trustworthy?
7. How does Ephesians 4:25 apply to this discussion?
“Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth, each one of you, with his neighbor, *for we are members of one another.*”
What is the significance of last clause of the verse: “for we are members of one another.”?
8. In Matthew 5:33-37, how does Jesus' teaching concerning the law drive us to the gospel? How does the gospel drive us (or motivate us) to be truthful with one another?