

YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS

Looking at the 8th
commandment

LIVING THE TRUTH: THE VALUES BEHIND THE COMMANDMENT

- _____ are vital values in human relationships
 - Most people list _____ at or near the top of what they want in their closest relationships.
- **Reputation:** This commandment asks us to VALUE who we ARE. Our words reflect who we are.
- Write out your definition of “reputation”

SINS AGAINST THE 8TH COMMANDMENT

- _____: injuring another person's reputation by telling lies and spreading rumors (aka calumny)
- _____: spreading information that is true but still damaging to the person's reputation
- lying
- _____: _____
- deception

KINDS OF LYING

- lying in a court of law (called _____)
- lying publically to damage another reputation or future prospects (like a job or political position)
- lying for personal profit
- cheating and plagiarizing
- gossiping
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CONFIDENTIALITY

- breaking a confidence:
 - _____ is a promise not to share information. When that information is shared, the promise has been broken even though _____ has been said.
- Preserving confidentiality cannot be used as a reason for covering up a greater deception. For example, to cover up knowledge about a crime.
- Confidentiality CAN be broken if one of 2 rules applies:
 - Not to tell someone will cause _____ to the person involved (ex. suicide) or
 - _____, (ex: a bombing plot.)
- _____

TRUTH IN SOCIETY

- Societies break down when its members no longer sense the truth is being shared or available.
- Freedom of the press: What responsibilities does the press in countries like ours have to keep in mind even as they try to keep their businesses going?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

- concrete physical fact telling: we are called to do this when required to witness to events
 - Speech is a sacred act. We create our world by the way we name and describe it.
 - When we cannot tell truth from untruth, “hype” and opinion take the place of reality, we have compromised our integrity
 - Integrity and personal honesty
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REVIEW

- What is the underlying value this commandment seeks to protect?
 - What would happen to a society in which lying was acceptable all the time?
 - What are the different kinds of gossiping?
 - Which do you think is the worst in your experience? Why?
 - What are the rules regarding confidentiality?
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