

9th Commandment



Read Exodus 20:16 & Deut. 5:20.

What is God's ninth command? Write it all out here:



Read the passage: *FCF - The 9th Commandment*

The 9th Commandment tells us: (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ what God expects & honors
- ☐ how we are to treat each other
- ☐ what we should value



Truth

What are 3 ways we can give false witness?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Define lying the way you believe God defines it:



Place an "X" next to types of lying.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> telling a white lie | <input type="checkbox"/> telling a partial truth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> exaggerating the truth | <input type="checkbox"/> speaking honestly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> coloring the truth | <input type="checkbox"/> withholding information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> deceiving someone | <input type="checkbox"/> making yourself look better |
| <input type="checkbox"/> answering completely | <input type="checkbox"/> fibbing slightly |



True or False?

- ☐ The 9th commandment doesn't apply to harmless lies.
- ☐ Leaving information out is not lying.
- ☐ Deceiving someone is the same as lying.
- ☐ Lies are only important if they hurt someone.
- ☐ It is possible to lie to yourself.
- ☐ Satan is the father of lies.
- ☐ Lies can only hurt you if you are caught.
- ☐ The Bible is 100% true.
- ☐ Weakness of the flesh can be overcome if you really try.
- ☐ God's spirit in us makes it possible to overcome sin.
- ☐ It is easier to live by lying than God's way.
- ☐ You can lie on purpose & God will continue to forgive.
- ☐ Making yourself out to be someone you aren't is a form of lying.
- ☐ The Internet and technology have made it more difficult to detect lies disguised as truth.



What is Lying?

What does the passage mean about how we take a cost/benefit view of lying? Why is this NOT God's way?

Is lying ever God's way of doing things? Why or why not?

Why is "failure to disclose" a form of lying?

God wants people of *integrity*. Define "integrity".

Why is it difficult to be 100% truthful?

The first lie was told by _____ in _____.



Truth

List 6 words that related to God's view of truth. Each word is featured in the reading passage. The first letter of each has been done for you.

S _____ G _____ I _____
D _____ F _____ H _____



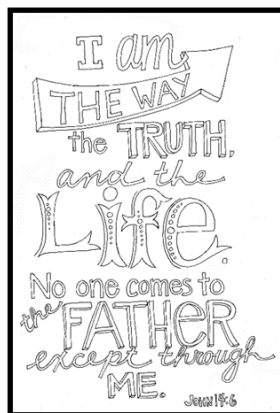
Overcoming

There are many ways to lie. How many ways are there to be honest?

What are 3 things you should do to make things right with God in overcoming the urge to lie?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

How do you think fearing God can help you overcome lying?





Scriptural Support for the 9th Commandment

Complete the table below showing how each passage is related to the 9th Commandment.

Passage	How It Relates to the 9 th Commandment
Proverbs 6:19	
Proverbs 14:5	
Romans 18:25	
John 14:6	
I Samuel 12:24	



Compare & Contrast

Compare & contrast the characteristics of a faithful witness and a false witness.

Faithful Witness	False Witness



Gossip

How is telling gossip & lies harmful to others?

Has this ever happened to you? Write about the experience & how it made you feel.

What are 3 ways you can help when you hear someone else being a false witness?

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2.

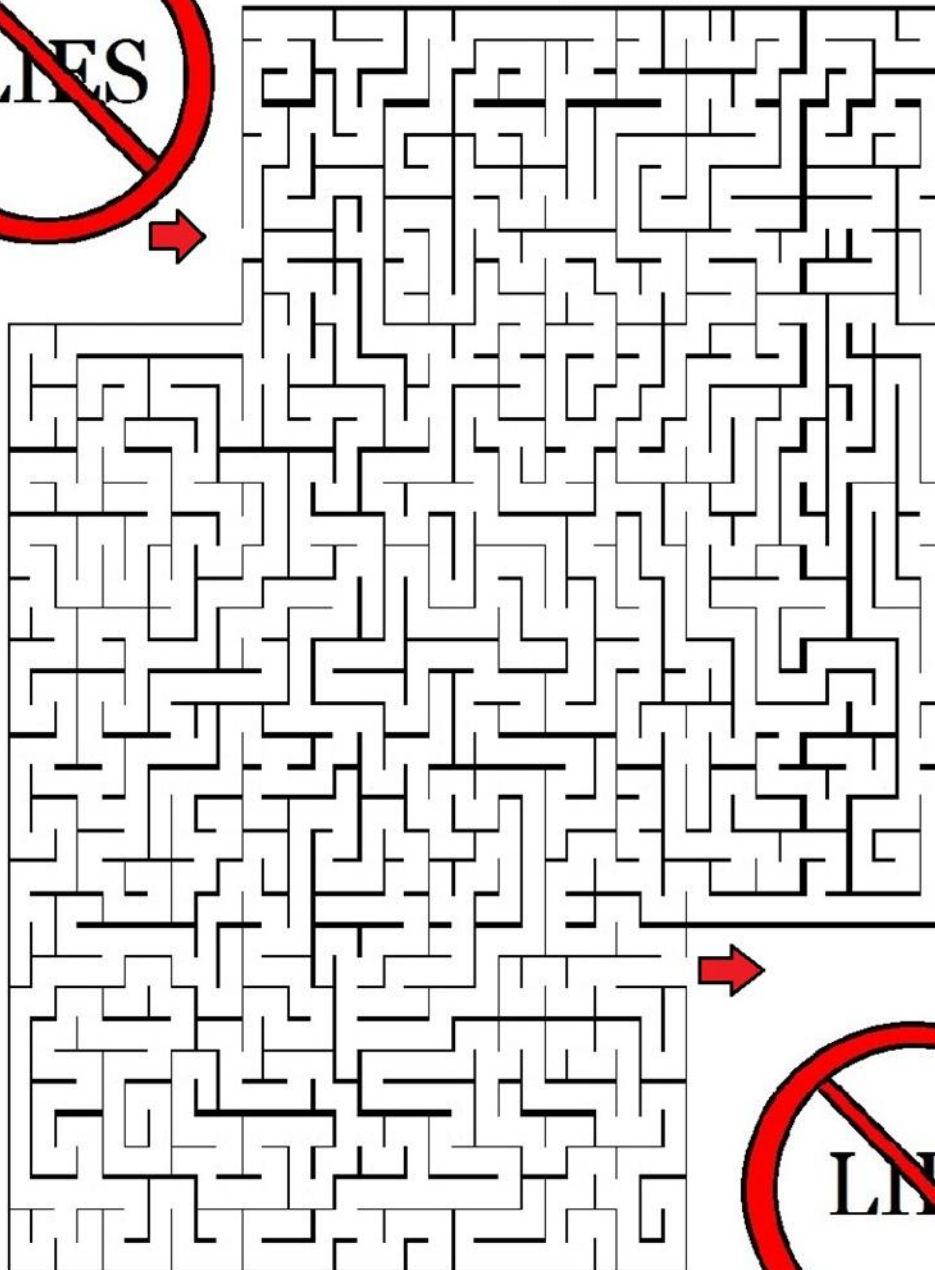
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Thou Shalt Not Lie Maze

Exodus 20:16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.



Find your way through the maze.



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Self-Reflection

How can Christians overcome the temptation to lie?

HOW IS YOUR WALK?



Rate Yourself

Rate YOUR level of truthfulness according to God's standards on a scale of 1 (not close at all) to 10 (very close).

1

5

10



As with keeping all the commandments, we all have need for improvement in the area of lying. Below, list 3 things you commit to doing to overcome in this area of your life.

1.

2.

3.

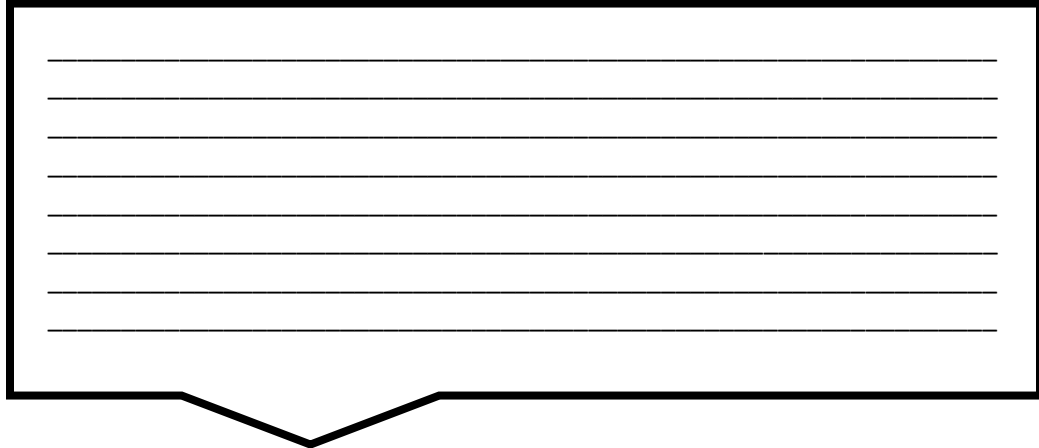


Speaking Truth

**Your best friend asks you to lie for him to keep him out of trouble.
What would you do?**

**You arrived home late. Your parent asks what you have been doing.
You know that part of the truth would be acceptable but part of it
would not be acceptable. How would you answer your parent?**

A teacher asks for your honest opinion about a classroom activity. You want to speak truthfully but are concerned about a poor reaction that could impact your grade. What would you do?



whatever is...
true *noble* pure
right *admirable* lovely
if anything is
excellent or praiseworthy
think about such things.
PHILIPPIANS 4:8

What does the verse above have to do with the 9th Commandment?

