

# Moses – 10 Commandments – False Testimony

**Exodus 20:16** “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

- **Exodus 23:1** “Do not spread false reports. Do not help a wicked man by being a malicious witness.
- **Deuteronomy 19:15** One witness is not enough to convict a man accused of any crime or offense he may have committed. A matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.
- **Deuteronomy 19:18–19** The judges must make a thorough investigation, and if the witness proves to be a liar, giving false testimony against his brother, **19** then do to him as he intended to do to his brother. You must purge the evil from among you.

## 1. Everyone is \_\_\_\_\_ around.

- **Proverbs 6:16–19** There are six things the LORD hates, seven that are detestable to him: **17** haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, **18** a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, **19** a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers.
- **Proverbs 26:28** A lying tongue hates those it hurts, and a flattering mouth works ruin.
- **Ezekiel 13:6–9** Their visions are false and their divinations a lie. They say, “The LORD declares,” when the LORD has not sent them; yet they expect their words to be fulfilled. **7** Have you not seen false visions and uttered lying divinations when you say, “The LORD declares,” though I have not spoken? **8** “ ‘Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says: Because of your false words and lying visions, I am against you, declares the Sovereign LORD. **9** My hand will be against the prophets who see false visions and utter lying divinations. They will not belong to the council of my people or be listed in the records of the house of Israel, nor will they enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the Sovereign LORD.
- **Leviticus 19:16** “ ‘Do not go about spreading slander among your people. “ ‘Do not do anything that endangers your neighbor’s life. I am the LORD.
- **James 3:6–12** The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. **7** All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, **8** but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. **9** With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God’s likeness. **10** Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. **11** Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? **12** My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

## 2. \_\_\_\_\_ - Too “good” to keep to yourself, too wicked to do any good.

- **Proverbs 16:28** A perverse man stirs up dissension, and a gossip separates close friends.
- **Proverbs 18:8** The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to a man’s inmost parts.
- **Proverbs 26:20** Without wood a fire goes out; without gossip a quarrel dies down.

## 3. Remember the \_\_\_\_\_ of lies.

- **John 8:44** You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.
- **Psalms 15:1–5** LORD, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill? **2** He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart **3** and has no slander on his tongue, who does his neighbor no wrong and casts no slur on his fellowman, **4** who despises a vile man but honors those who fear the LORD, who keeps his oath even when it hurts, **5** who lends his money without usury and does not accept a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things will never be shaken.

### Next Steps for Growth:

I want to begin to follow Jesus today.  
 I am interested in becoming a member  
 I want to be baptized.

I want to talk to a Pastor, please contact me.  
 My contact information has been updated.  
Number of people from our family to attend building project luncheon \_\_\_\_.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  Change my contact info

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a:  1<sup>st</sup> time guest  2<sup>nd</sup> time guest  Regular Attendee  Member (taken membership class & committed to membership)

#### 4. Turn to the \_\_\_\_\_ of truth.

*Is. 59:14, Rom. 3:4, John 1:14, Isa. 53:9, John 14:6, John 18:3, 1 John 4:6*

#### 5. We have been \_\_\_\_\_ to speak words of \_\_\_\_\_.

*Ephesians 4:17–5:2 So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. 18 They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. 19 Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more. 20 You, however, did not come to know Christ that way. 21 Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. 22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. 25 Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. 26 “In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, 27 and do not give the devil a foothold. 28 He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need. 29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.*

#### **THINK before you speak:**

- Is it True? Is this a fact, or a rumor, or an opinion or a feeling?
- Is it Helpful? Does it help you, does it help them, does it help the situation?
- Is it Inspiring? Does what I am saying improve anything? Does it build others up according to their needs?
- Is it Necessary? Would what I am saying be better left unsaid? Would I say it if all people involved were present?
- Is it Kind? What is my motive for these words? Is it too look down on others or to benefit those who listen?

*30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. 32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. 1 Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children 2 and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

Prayer Requests/Praise Items: \_\_\_ Put this on the prayer chain.