

NINTH WORD OF GRACE: **TRUTH TELLING**

Exodus 20.16

"You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor." Exodus 20.16; Deut. 5.20

"Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator." Colossians 3.9

This word gives us the basis for a singularly graced life. Lived out, it will bring grace to your life with God, your family, your church, and your world.

WHY DO WE LIE?

WHAT ARE SOME POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF LYING?

HOW DO WE GO ABOUT TELLING THE TRUTH?

1. We Need to Tell The Truth Completely.

"Someone who holds back the truth causes trouble." Proverbs 10.10

"He who rebukes a man will in the end gain more favor than he who has a flattering tongue." Proverbs 28.23

2. We Need to Tell the Truth Consistently.

"Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ." Ephesians 4.14-15

*"The integrity of the upright guides them,
but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity."* Proverbs 11.3

3. We Need to Speak the Truth in a Spirit of Love.

*"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."* Ephesians 4.29

4. Tell The Truth Tactfully, Not With Deception.

*"Reckless words pierce like a sword,
but the tongue of the wise brings healing."* Proverbs 12.18

*"A wise man's heart guides his mouth,
and his lips promote instruction."* Proverbs 16.23

"For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him." Matthew 12.34

"For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander." Matthew 15:19