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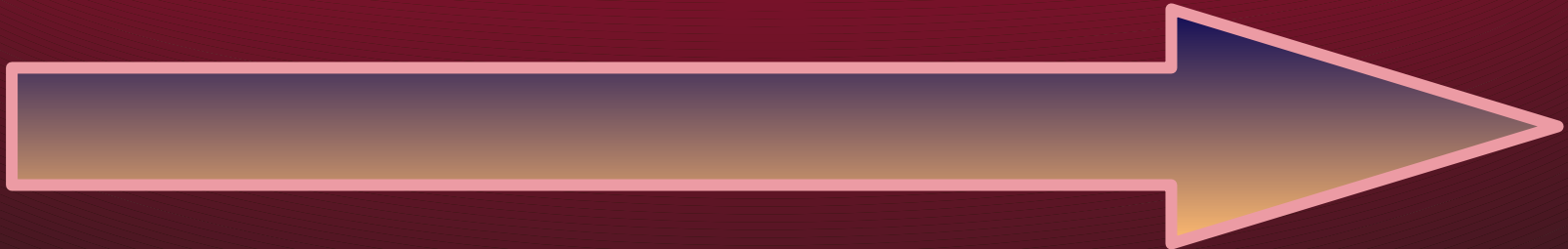
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ACTS 2:14-41

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Bible Study Prayer

**Father, as we turn to the Bible,
What we know not - teach us,
What we have not - give us,
What we are not - make us,
For your Son's sake,
Amen.**



An Incontrovertible Truth - Matthew 5:33-37



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Lesson Overview

In Matthew 5:33-37 Jesus begins with commands concerning vows from Numbers 30 & Deuteronomy 23.

He then moves into the world of loopholes and solemn oaths and imprecatory oaths.

He does. Seriously – cross my heart and hope to die.

**He concludes with the KISS principle -
Yes or No – no embellishment**



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**If a man makes a vow to the LORD, or swears an oath to bind himself by some agreement, he shall not break his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.
- Numbers 30:2 (NKJ)**

When you make a vow to the Lord your God, you shall not delay to pay it; for the Lord your God will surely require it of you, and it would be sin to you. - Deuteronomy 23:21 (NKJ)



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Loopholes, Solemn Oaths, & Imprecatory Oaths

But I say to you, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Nor shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black. – Matthew 5:34-36



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If you wanted to hedge your bets when you made a vow you could guarantee your statement with a loophole.

You could swear by heaven.

You could swear by the earth.

You could swear by Jerusalem.

You could swear by your own life.



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**If you want to hedge your bets today
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I swear on a stack of Bibles.

I swear on my Mother's grave.

I swear by all that's holy.

I swear to God and hope to die.

May the ground swallow me up if I'm lying.

If I'm lying, I'm dying.

As God is my witness. . . .



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Your word is your bond.

A man is only as good as his word.

**To keep your word is to weave a thread of gold
into the fabric of your reputation.**



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In general, how often do you tell lies, including small ones?

Several times a day	3%
About once a day	4%
A few times a week	10%
A few times a month	17%
Less often than that	43%
Never	15%
Not sure	9%



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Compared with most other people, do you think
you tell lies more often or less often?

More often than most people	3%
About as often as most people	21%
Less often than most people	63%
Not sure	13%



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Compared with most other people, do you think
you are better or worse at telling lies?

Better than most people	15%
About the same as most people	27%
Worse than most people	33%
Not sure	25%



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If telling someone the truth might hurt their feelings,
which would you be more likely to do?

Tell them the truth	48%
Tell them a lie to try to spare their feelings	25%
Not sure	27%



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If being told the truth might hurt your feelings,
which would you prefer someone do?

Tell you the truth 82%

Tell you a lie to try to spare your feelings ... 6%

Not sure 12%



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In general, do you think telling small lies to try to spare someone's feelings makes relationships better or worse?



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Proverbially Speaking

**¹⁷He who speaks truth declares righteousness,
But a false witness, deceit.**

**¹⁸There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword,
But the tongue of the wise promotes health.**

**¹⁹The truthful lip shall be established forever,
But a lying tongue is but for a moment.**

**²⁰Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil,
But counselors of peace have joy.**

**²²Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord,
But those who deal truthfully are His delight.**

Proverbs 12:17-20; 22



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With this last statement Jesus highlights the deceitfulness of swearing an oath or making a vow and the foolishness of such efforts as seen in Deuteronomy 23:22.

**But if you abstain from vowing,
it shall not be sin to you.
(Deuteronomy 23:22 - NKJ)**



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**In other words, if you can't speak the truth,
keep your mouth shut.**

He who guards his mouth preserves his life, but he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction. Proverbs 13:3 (KJV)

Whoever guards his mouth and tongue keeps his soul from troubles. Proverbs 21:23 (KJV)

**Even a fool is counted wise when he holds his peace;
When he shuts his lips, he is considered perceptive.
Proverbs 17:28 (KJV)**



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John 8:31-47

You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free if you abide in My word, because then you are truly My disciples. (V.31b-32 – BYEV)

I know that you are Abraham's seed; yet you are seeking to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. I speak the things which I have seen with My Father; therefore you also do the things which you heard from your father. (Vv. 37-38 - LSB)



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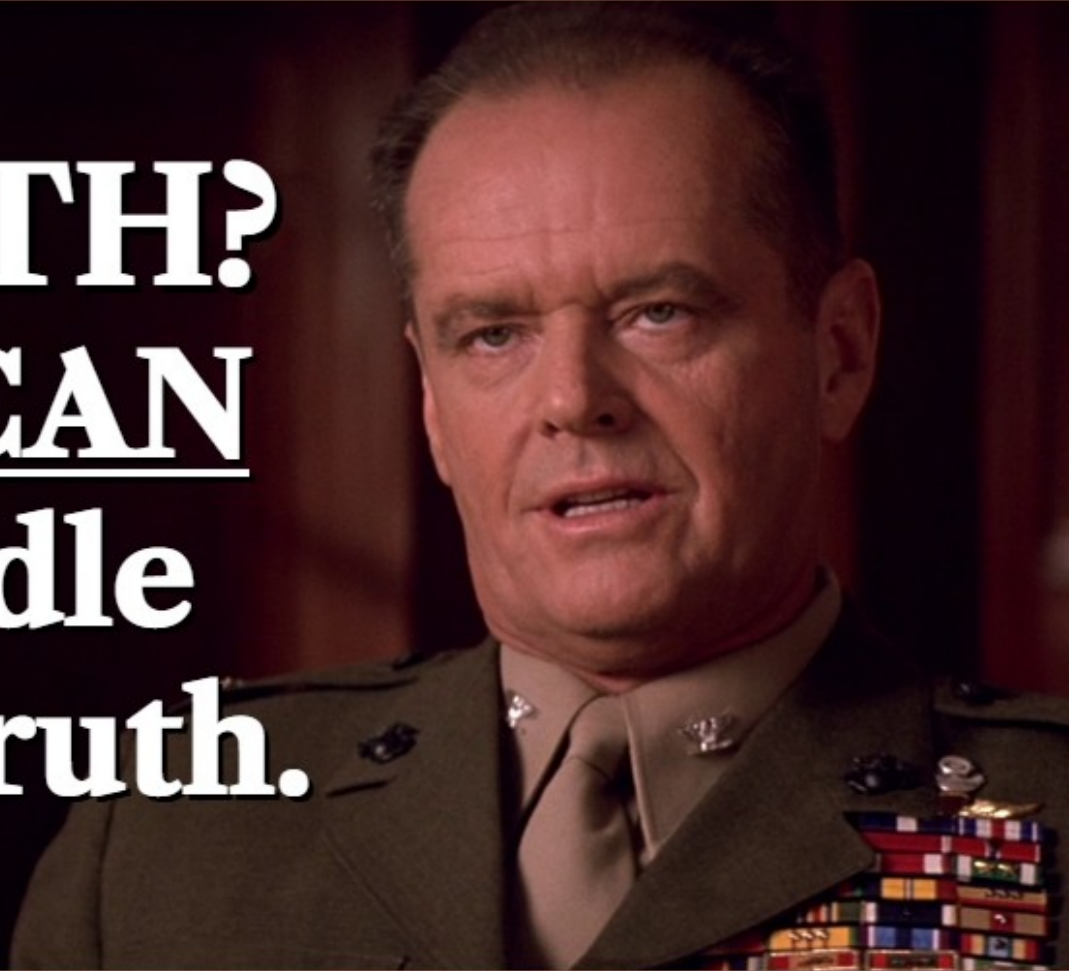
You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me!

(Vv. 44-45 - NIV)



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**TRUTH?
You CAN
Handle
The Truth.**



Next Week!

Agape
Bible
Life
Study

The Letter of the Law vs The Spirit of the Law

Part 4

Poked Eyes, Slapped Cheeks, & Lost Clothing

Matthew 5:38 ff
October 11, 2026

