

SERMON NOTES
God's Top Ten
To Tell the Truth
(Part 8)

"You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor." (Exodus 20:16)

"We should fear and love God that we may not deceitfully belie, betray, slander, nor defame our neighbor, but defend him, speak well of him, and put the best construction on everything."
– Martin Luther, the Small Catechism

Types of Lies –

1. THE **C**_____ LIE TO GET REVENGE

"Like a club or a sword or a sharp arrow is the man who gives false testimony against his neighbor." (Proverbs 25:18)

2. THE **C**_____ LIE FEAR

3. THE **C**_____ LIE TO IMPRESS

4. THE **C**_____ LIE TO MANIPULATE

5. THE **C**_____ LIE LAZINESS

1. TELL THE TRUTH **C**_____

"Whoever flatters his neighbor is spreading a net for his feet." (Proverbs 29:5)

2. TELL THE TRUTH **C**_____

"The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity." (Proverbs 11:3)

“Reliable communication permits progress.” (Proverbs 13:17)

3. TELL THE TRUTH **L**_____

“Speak the truth in love.” (Ephesians 4:15)

4. TELL THE TRUTH WHOLE **H**_____

“But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man 'unclean.' For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.” (Matthew 15:18-19)

“I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.”
(Ezekiel 36:26)

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