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**For further study September 3 – September 9**

**The 9th Commandment given to God’s people at Mt Sinai**

**“YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR”**

**Exodus 20:16**

**Heidelberg Catechism Q & A112. Q.**What is required

in the ninth commandment?

A. I must not give false testimony against anyone,  
twist no one's words,  
not gossip or slander,  
nor condemn or join in condemning anyone rashly and unheard. <sup>1</sup>

Rather, I must avoid all lying and deceit as the devil's own works,

under penalty of God's heavy wrath. <sup>2</sup>

In court and everywhere else,

I must love the truth, <sup>3</sup>

speak and confess it honestly,

and do what I can

to defend and promote

my neighbour's honour and reputation. <sup>4</sup>

1. Ps 15; Prov 19:5, 9; 21:28; Mt 7:1; Lk 6:37; Rom 1:28-32.

2. Lev 19:11, 12; Prov 12:22; 13:5; Jn 8:44; Rev 21:8.

3. 1 Cor 13:6; Eph 4:25.

4. 1 Pet 3:8, 9; 4:8.

More Scripture references:

Colossians 3:1-10

Matthew 5:33-37

John 8:44

Ephesians 4:25

2 Peter 2:1

1 Corinthians 15:33

James 1:19; 3:3-6

Proverbs 12:22, 19:5;

1. What are some famous American “fibs”?

2. What are some ways that parents teach their children to lie?

3. Is it lying if it is unintentional?

4. Are there times when we are allowed not to be forthright and honest?

a. 1 Samuel 20:28

b. 1 Samuel 16:2

c. Joshua 2:4

d. Exodus 1:15-21