

9th Commandment: "The Power of Words"

The Lord tells us specifically that His commands are never burdensome. By this, He doesn't necessarily mean they're easy to keep. Rather, He's telling us that they're never foolish. They are never unnecessary or purely arbitrary. He doesn't force us to observe meaningless formalities, nor does He impose rules that have no value. On the contrary, every guideline, every law, every imperative in the Bible was crafted in infinite wisdom. They were given not only to honor God, but to benefit us as well. Bill Hybels

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"A good name is more desirable than great riches" Prov 22.1

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1. Power of Death

a. Testimony

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. If a malicious witness takes the stand to accuse a man of a crime, the two men involved in the dispute must stand in the presence of the

LORD before the priests and the judges who are in office at the time. The judges must make a thorough investigation, and if the witness proves to be a liar, giving false testimony against his brother, then do to him as he intended to do to his brother. You must purge the evil from among you. The rest of the people will hear of this and be afraid, and never again will such evil thing be done among you. Show no pity: life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot. Deut 19.15-21

"Do not spread false reports. Do not help a wicked man by being a malicious witness. {2} "Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong. When you give testimony in a lawsuit, do not pervert justice by siding with the crowd, {3} and do not show favoritism to a poor man in his lawsuit. Exodus 23.1-3

"Speak the truth to each other, and render true and sound judgment in your courts; do not plot evil against your neighbor, and do not love to swear falsely. I hate all this," declares the LORD. Zechariah 8.16,17

Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses. 1 Timothy 5.19,20

1) Finality

Isaac said..."I blessed him--and indeed he will be blessed!" When Esau heard his father's words, he burst out with a loud and bitter cry and said to his father, "Bless me--me too, my father!" But he said, "Your brother came deceitfully and took your blessing."...Esau said to his father, "Do you have only one blessing, father? Bless me too, my father!" Then Esau wept aloud. Genesis 27.33-38

When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise. Proverbs 10.19

Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. James 3.5,6

b. Talebearer

"Do not go about spreading slander among your people. "Do not do anything that endangers your neighbor's life. I am the LORD. Leviticus 19.16

A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret.
Proverbs 11.13

PAUL'S WARNING AGAINST IDLENESS..

they get into the habit of being idle and going about from house to house. And not only do they become idle, but also gossips and busybodies, saying things they ought not to. 1 Timothy 5.13

1) Fatal Attraction

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...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; Ephesians 4.19,22

Your tongue plots destruction; it is like a sharpened razor, you who practice deceit. You love evil rather than good, falsehood rather than speaking the truth. You love very harmful word, O you deceitful tongue! Psalm 52.2-4

The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to a man's inmost parts. Prov 18.8

2) Thick-skinned

Do not pay attention to every word people say, or you may hear your servant cursing you-- Eccl 7.21

Love is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 1 Corinthians 13.5

c. Judgment

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

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices Coloss 3.5-9

I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned." Matthew 12.36,37

CONDEMNATION OF THE LOST -

They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness. 2 Thess 2.10-12

all liars--their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death." Revelation 21:27

Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.
Revelation 22.15

1) Demonic

You belong to your father, the devil...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. John 8.44

for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. everyone on the side of truth listens to me." John 18.37

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

2 Corinthians 4.4

Unbelievers exchanged the truth of God for a lie Rom 1.25

2. Power of Life

a. New Self

to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Eph 4.23,24

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer. Psalm 19.14

For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men. 1 Pet 2.15

b. Speak the Truth

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. Eph 4.25

Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices Colossians 3.9

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Lewis Smedes

1) Speaking Out

"If a person sins because he does not speak up when he hears a public charge to testify regarding something he has seen or learned about, he will be held responsible. Leviticus 5.1

For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?"

Esther 4.14

My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry

James 1.19

the righteous keeping silent

c. Edifying

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

The tongue of the righteous is choice silver, but the heart of the wicked is of little value.

Proverbs 10.20

A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.

Proverbs 25.11

Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 8.31,32

Heidelberg Catechism - 9th C "compels us to defend and promote the honor and reputation of my neighbor"

1) Rebuke

"Do not hate your brother in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in his guilt. Lev 19.17

My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring him back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins James 5.19-20

2) Healing

He sent forth his word and healed them Psalm 107.20

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.
Proverbs 15:1

A man finds joy in giving an apt reply-- and how good is a timely word!
Prov 15.1,23

3. Power of Salvation

a. Word made Flesh

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
John 1:14

for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."
John 18.37

Who is the liar? It is the man who denies that Jesus the Christ 1 John 2.22

b. Word Silenced

He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.
Isaiah 53.7

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.
Romans 3.19

c. Word Proclaimed

I have posted watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the LORD, give yourselves no rest

Isaiah 62.1,6

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. Romans 1.16

The weapons we fight with are not weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 2 Corinthians 10.3-5

The Lord announced the word, and great was the company of those who proclaimed it: Psalm 68.11

The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

Psalm 119.130

Liar "person who affirms to be true what he knows to be false or who claims to be false what he knows to be true"

LIARS ACTUALLY COME TO BELIEVE THEIR LIES

No such thing as an "innocent victim" in untruth, something is no less false when spoken in ignorance, **BETTER JUDGMENT SPEAKING**