



# ACTS

Apache Christian  
Training School

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## SPEAK THE TRUTH

**You shall not give false testimony  
against your neighbor.**

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God

that we **do not tell lies** about our neighbor, betray him, or give him a bad name, but defend him, **speak well of him**, and take his words and actions in the kindest possible way.

### THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM

PROVERBS 19:5

A **false witness** will not go unpunished, and he who pours out lies will not go free. (NIV)

MATTHEW 12:36

But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for **every careless word** they have spoken. (NIV)

COLOSSIANS 3:9

**Do not lie** to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices. (NIV)

1 TIMOTHY 5:13

Besides, they get into the habit of being idle and going about from house to house. And not only do they become idlers, but also **gossips and busybodies**, saying things they ought not to. (NIV)

PROVERBS 16:28

A perverse man stirs up dissension, and **a gossip** separates close friends. (NIV)

- What problems do lies cause in this world? (Discuss examples)

JOHN 8:44

You belong to your father, **the devil**, and you want to carry out your father's desire. 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.** (NIV)

- Who's and what lies harm people forever? (Discuss examples)

### THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT REMINDS US THAT WE CAN HURT OUR NEIGHBOR WITH JUST OUR WORDS.

### WE LOVE HIM WHO FIRST LOVED US

JOHN 8:31-32

To the Jews who had believed him, 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.**" (NIV)

JOHN 18:37

"You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. **Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.**" (NIV)

- Who is and always speaks the truth?

JOHN 6:47

**I tell you the truth**, he who believes has everlasting life. (NIV)

LUKE 13:1-3

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! **But unless you repent, you too will all perish.**" (NIV)

LUKE 23:43

Jesus answered him, "**I tell you the truth**, today you will be with me in paradise." (NIV)

- What truth, or two truths does Jesus want everyone to believe?  
(Discuss why each truth is important and how relates they relate to one another.)

### **THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT HELPS US APPRECIATE THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD.**

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART

PROVERBS 31:8-9

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy." (NIV)

PROVERBS 12:25

An anxious heart weighs a man down, but a kind word cheers him up. (NIV)

- Discuss the various ways that we can use our words to help and love one another.

LUKE 17:3

So watch yourselves. "If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. (NIV)

2 TIMOTHY 4:2

Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage-- with great patience and careful instruction. (NIV)

- Discuss situations and way in which we ought to speak both law and gospel to others.

### **THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT REMINDS US THAT WE OUGHT TO ALWAYS SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE.**