

The Big Idea: One of our most precious commodities is truthfulness. In a world that seems to embrace lying, Jesus calls us to value honesty. Let’s be truth-tellers.

I. Review – Living life like Jesus

A. This kind of living is only possible as a CHRISTIAN

B. This kind of living is only possible as a SPIRIT-CONTROLLED Christian

C. This kind of living HONORS God and PROCLAIMS the gospel

II. Exchanging falsehood for truth

A. To TAKE an oath

1. Old Testament examples

2. New Testament examples

B. To BREAK an oath

1. FRIVOLOUS swearing

2. EVASIVE swearing

**** An oath became a CLOAK for a lie; to hide one's real INTENTIONS**

C. To TELL the truth

1. The REQUIREMENT

2. The REASON

- **One of, if not the CHIEF characteristic of the old nature, is LYING, DECEPTION, and FALSEHOOD**

- **One of the ESSENTIAL characteristics of the new life is TRUTH, INTEGRITY and HONESTY**

III. What we take away...

People of the Word are people of their word. Say what you mean and mean what you say. It will be noticed and God will be glorified.