

Sunday, May 21, 2023
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“Honest to Goodness”

Matthew 5:33-37

Today's BIG IDEA:

Our word should be just as reliable as the Word.

1. Our worldly culture is marked by DISHONESTY (v.33)

A. Lying is _____ (v.33)

(Exodus 20:16; Leviticus 19:11)

B. Oaths are _____ (v.33)

(Leviticus 19:12)

C. Promises are _____ (v.33)

(Matthew 23:16)

2. Christ's kingdom is marked by HONESTY (v.34-37)

A. Speak _____ (v.37)

(Proverbs 6:16-19; 12:22)

i. Believers should not be DECEITFUL

ii. Believers should not be DISINGENUOUS

iii. Believers should not be _____

B. Speak _____ (v.34-37)

i. Because oaths are ULTIMATELY subject to God

ii. Because oaths are _____ for the
God-follower

C. Speak _____ (v.37)

(John 8:44)

- In the eyes of God, “little white lies” are **big black sins** that are more characteristic of our enemy than they are our Lord.

ONE FINAL WORD:

(Psalm 101:7; Proverbs 19:9; Revelation 21:8)

- Whereas we are faithless and untrue, Jesus is faithful and true and offers forgiveness to those who fall.

(Application Questions on back)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. In what situations are you prone to be dishonest? Why? What would complete honesty look like in those situations?
2. What kinds of promises/oaths do you tend to make? Do you follow through with them? Are they really necessary?
3. In what situations do you fail to follow through with keeping your word? How can you be more consistent in doing what you say?