

Life in the Kingdom
A Greater Righteousness – Truth
Matthew 5:33-37

Question: Am I truth teller? Or am I a truth manipulator?

I. Do What You Said You Would Do (33)

"If a man...swears an oath to bind himself by a pledge, he shall not break his word. He shall do all that proceeds out of his mouth." (Num. 30:2)

II. Don't Volunteer Oaths to Appear Truthful (34-36)

"Woe to you, blind guides! You say, 'If anyone swears by the temple, it means nothing; but anyone who swears by the gold of the temple is bound by that oath.'¹⁷ You blind fools! Which is greater: the gold, or the temple that makes the gold sacred? ¹⁸ You also say, 'If anyone swears by the altar, it means nothing; but anyone who swears by the gift on the altar is bound by that oath.'¹⁹ You blind men! Which is greater: the gift, or the altar that makes the gift sacred? (Mt. 23:16-19)

III. Say What you Mean (37)

Point to Ponder: As followers of Jesus, do we tell the truth because we've have taken an oath; or do we tell the truth because we are truthful?

Next Week: We will begin our Advent Sermon Series *A Witness to His Coming* by considering Luke 1:26-37 & 2:1-7, 19.



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