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To Tell The Truth

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BEYOND RULES

We want R_____, but Jesus raises the bar, challenging us to think beyond them.

Jesus uses H_____ which involves language where you can actually *do* the very literal thing he says *not* to do, or *not* do the very literal thing he says *to* do.

Jesus says "do not swear at all," yet one is still allowed to take some O_____ (Num 5:19-22; 6:2; Deut 32:40). He is challenging the routine way one could break their word.

Jesus says divorce can "make" one commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced person commits adultery; but that is not always literally the case (Matt 19:12; 1 Cor 6:9-11; 7:1-2, 10-11, 15, 27-28). He is challenging the routine way one could break their M_____ commitment.

TRUTH MATTERS

Without truth, there can be no T_____.

Without truth, there can be no R_____.

Without truth, there can be no F_____.

LET YOUR YES BE YES

"Let your Yes be Yes" means don't engage in Verbal M_____.

Taking the Lord's name in vain refers to more than your words; it refers to your L_____.

TWO ACTION ITEMS

Love God: by trusting him with you F_____.

Love your neighbor: by telling the T_____.

Answers: Rules; Hyperbole; Oaths; Marriage; Trust; Rights; Freedom; Answers: Rules; Hyperbole; Oaths; Marriage; Trust; Rights; Freedom;

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