



DO NOT GIVE FALSE TESTIMONY

Introduction:

I. WHAT CONSTITUTES BREAKING THIS COMMANDMENT?

A. The Connotation of the Original Words

“bear” (*anah*) =

“false” (*shaqer* in Exodus) =

“false” (*shave* in Deuteronomy) =

“witness” (*ed*) =

“against your neighbor” (*b^erea’ha*) =

B. The Context of the Old Testament

Deuteronomy 19:15-21

Proverbs 6:16-19

Proverbs 12:13-14; 17-19; 22-23

C. The Contribution of the New Testament

John 8:44

Ephesians 4:25

James 3:1-12

Acts 5

Colossians 3:9-10

II. HOW DO WE BREAK THIS COMMANDMENT? (“another dirty dozen”)

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- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
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- 6)
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- 9)
- 10)
- 11)
- 12)

III. HOW DO WE ATTEMPT TO JUSTIFY BREAKING THIS COMMANDMENT?

A. By denying _____ . (postmodernism)

B. By denying _____ . (situation ethics)

C. By denying _____ . (self-deception)

“Each lie represents a shattering blow to the character. The next lie becomes much harder to resist, and soon the conscience is bludgeoned into insensitivity and personal integrity so impaired that the offender becomes a liar in character.” Peter Masters

Conclusion:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)