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Exodus 20:16

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¹⁶ “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”

Focal Truth:

Do not speak falsely about your neighbor.

1. The sinfulness of deadly words – James 3:8

- Sinful words are perverse. – Pr. 6:12
- Sinful words are malicious – devil words. – 2 Tim. 3:3
- Sinful words are slanderous. – Pr. 16:28
- Sinful words are evil. – James 3:8
- Sinful words are weapons to destroy others. – Pr. 25:28

2. The wounds of deadly words – Pr. 18:21

- The wound of spreading strife – Pr. 6:14
- The wound of broken relationship – Pr. 16:28
- The wound of broken trust – Pr. 20:19
- The wound of despair – Pr. 15:4

3. The judgement on deadly words

For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.

Matt. 12:37

4. How to kill deadly words

- Guard your words. – Pr. 21:23
- Avoid corrupt words – speak good words. – Eph. 4:29
- Abstain from angry, hurtful, blasphemous, filthy words. – Col. 3:8
- Abstain from slanderous words. – 1 Pet. 2:1
- Abstain from deceitful and evil words. – 1 Pet.3:10

- Fear God - He hears what you are saying about your neighbor. – Ps. 139:14
- Do not associate with a gossip. – Pr. 20:19
- Do not take up a reproach against your neighbor. – Ps. 15:3
- “A man may wrong his neighbor by silence as well as slander.”

Daily Use:

- Speak about others as you want them to speak about you.
- Repent and confess your deadly words against your neighbor.
- May the words of our mouths be acceptable in God's sight.

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