

"SAY WHAT YOU MEAN, MEAN WHAT YOU SAY"

Matthew 5:33-37

Main Idea: Our words ought to be so characterized by integrity that others need no formal assurance of their truthfulness in order to trust us.

Old Testament Teaching about Oaths (33)

The meaning of swearing

The original purpose of swearing

The contemporary practice of swearing

Binding and non-binding oaths

Deceit dressed up in religious finery

Jesus' Revised Teaching about Oaths (34-37)

Oaths are prohibited (34-36)

The presumption of swearing by anything in God's creation

The presumption of swearing by oneself

No more than a simple 'yes' or 'no' (37)

Our Father is the God of truth

The devil is the father of lies

Application

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