

The Truth About Truth

Matthew 5:33

"Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but keep the oaths you have made to the Lord.'

Six great illustrations on what true morality is:

1. _____ over anger
2. _____ in sexual matters
3. _____ in marriage
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Matthew 23:16-22

"Woe to you, blind guides! You say, 'If anyone swears by the temple, it means nothing; but if anyone swears by the gold of the temple, he is bound by his 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 if anyone swears by the gift on it, he is bound by his oath.'¹⁹ You blind men! Which is greater: the gift, or the altar that makes the gift sacred?²⁰ Therefore, he who swears by the altar swears by it and by everything on it.²¹ And he who swears by the temple swears by it and by the one who dwells in it.²² And he who swears by heaven swears by God's throne and by the one who sits on it.

Deuteronomy 10:20

Fear the LORD your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name.

Jeremiah 12:16-17

And if they learn well the ways of my people and swear by my name, saying, 'As surely as the LORD lives'-even as they once taught my people to swear by Baal—then they will be established among my people.¹⁷ But if any nation does not listen, I will completely uproot and destroy it," declares the LORD.

Hebrews 6:17-19

Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath.¹⁸ God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged.¹⁹ We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain,

Keys to tongue control:

1. An unkept _____ and _____ keeps us from speaking truth.

The tongue is
the servant of
the heart and
mind.

Proverbs 4:23

Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

II Corinthians 10:5

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

2. _____ keeps us from speaking truth.

Philippians 4:6-8

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

3. Truth cannot be _____ until we are _____ in the truth.

Psalms 1:1-3

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. ²But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. ³He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. Realize that no area of my life falls outside of the presence of God.

Luke 18:27

Jesus replied, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

4. We will never experience complete _____ without walking in complete _____.

John 8:31-32

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³²Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."