



# The Seeds of Lies

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# Recap

The subject of God's law is controversial among the churches that call themselves Christian. In the professing Christian world, there is much **confusion** and **division** about God's law. Some churches reject the law wholesale, while others reject portions of it

**Isaac Khalil**



# Recap

The commandments not only show us what God **wants**; they show us what God is **like**. **Kevin DeYoung**



# Recap

The Ten Commandments, also known as Aseret HaDibrot (“Ten Sayings” in Hebrew) or Decalogue, are the **first ten of the 613 commandments** given by God to the Jewish people. They form the foundation of Jewish **ethics**, as well as **civil** and **religious** law.

**Rabbi Ronald H. Isaacs**



# Recap

**You must not steal. Exodus 20:15**

**The commandment doesn't  
clarify from whom or what**



# Recap

## Commandment in Three Parts

**Ownership**

**Provision**

**Stewardship**



# Recap

The opposite of the love of money is **generosity**. Instead of hoarding our money, we hand it over. Instead of building bigger barns, we nurture bigger hearts. Instead of looking to take, we seek to give. We who have been given everything—life, food, family, freedom, new birth, forgiveness, redemption, the Holy Spirit, the promise of an unimaginable inheritance—surely ought to give something

**Kevin DeYoung**



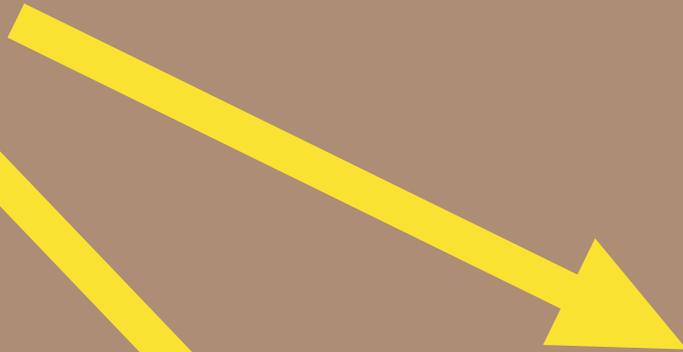
The commandments are  
**different** than the law



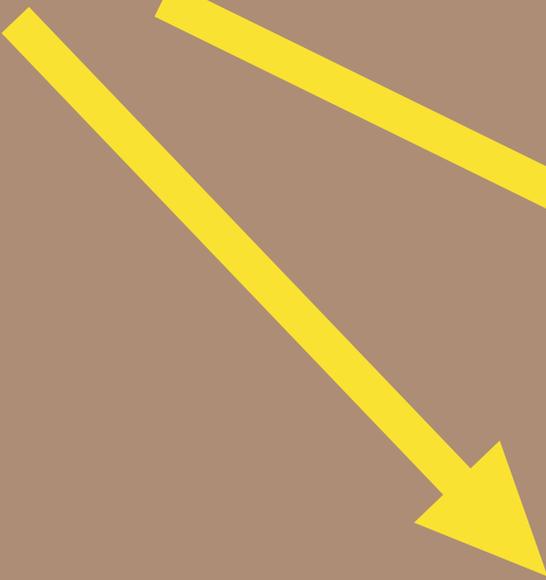
**Adultery**



**Family protection**



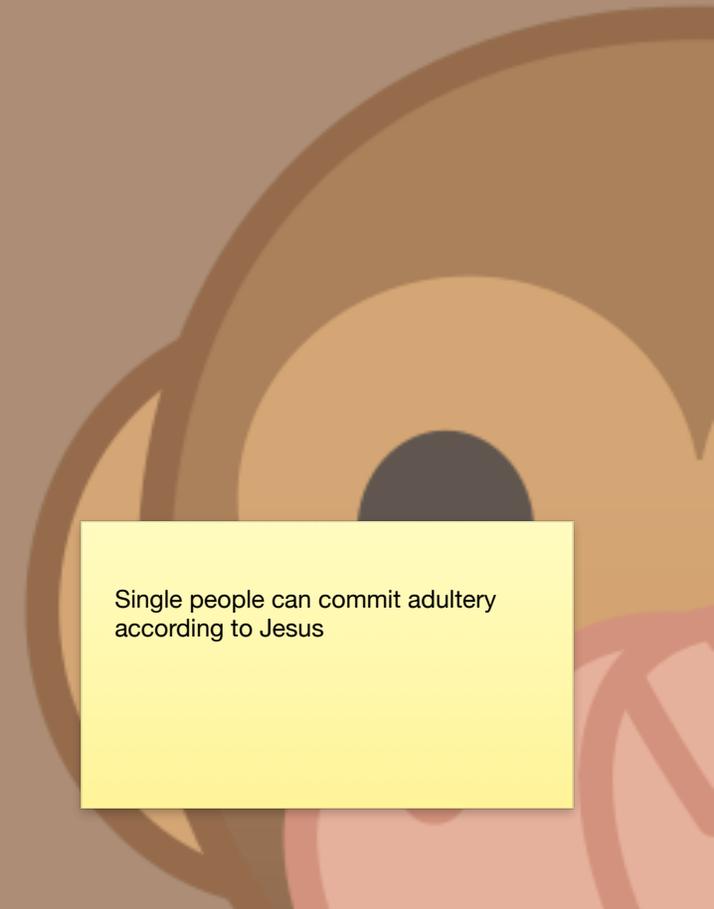
**Women's rights**



**Children's protection**



**Controlling our desires**



Single people can commit adultery according to Jesus

# Why Be Honest?, Alex Lickerman M.D.

We all lie. Admittedly, most of do so only occasionally. But we still all do. **Yet most of us also consider ourselves honest.** In his book, *The (Honest) Truth about Dishonesty*, Dan Ariely offers evidence that we're able to believe we're honest even though we lie or cheat by doing so only in little ways.



# Why Be Honest?, Alex Lickerman M.D.

We're therefore able to tell ourselves we're mostly honest—that is, we're only dishonest in ways **that we think don't matter**. Apparently this strategy works: most of us don't suffer serious **cognitive dissonance** over our integrity. Thus it seems we can have the best of both worlds without too much work: we can lie or cheat in little ways that place us at an advantage, **but still get to view ourselves as fundamentally honest**.

honesty in the age of social media



**You must not testify falsely against  
your neighbour. Exodus 20:16**



**Lying is a seed**



# testify

The first part of this commandment is “You shall not bear (testify)...” but what does the word “bear” mean in the Hebrew? The word is “**anah**” and means “to answer, respond, testify,” or “speak” so to bear anything in this context is to speak about, answer, testify, or respond so the first part of the 9th Commandment is literally “You shall not testify, speak, answer or respond” in any way to anything with falsehood.”



**falsely**

The Hebrew word for false is “**sheqer**” and it means “lie, deception, or falsehood” so we can add to this sentence in the original sentence now to read: “You shall not speak, testify, answer, or respond with deception, a lie, or with falsehood...”



**falsely**

**Other false witnesses include withholding the truth (deception), a half-truth (is a whole lie), gossiping (deceiving or lying), testifying any untruth in a court of law, exaggerating, slanting the truth, spreading falsehoods, slandering, deceiving for one's own interests, or anything that is not true to any person at all.**



# neighbour

The Hebrew word for neighbour is “**rea**” which doesn’t mean only your next door neighbour, although it does include that but it also includes “a companion, a fellow,” or “another person” so now this entire sentence with the original Hebrew meaning within its proper context is: “You shall not speak, testify, answer, or respond with deception, a lie, or a falsehood as testimony or evidence against your neighbour, a companion, a fellow or another person.”



**Deception in human  
relationships leads  
to greater brokenness  
and eventually to injustice**



# Exodus 23:1-13, A Call for Justice

You must not pass along **false** rumours **vs 1a**

You must not cooperate with evil people by **lying** on the witness stand **1b**

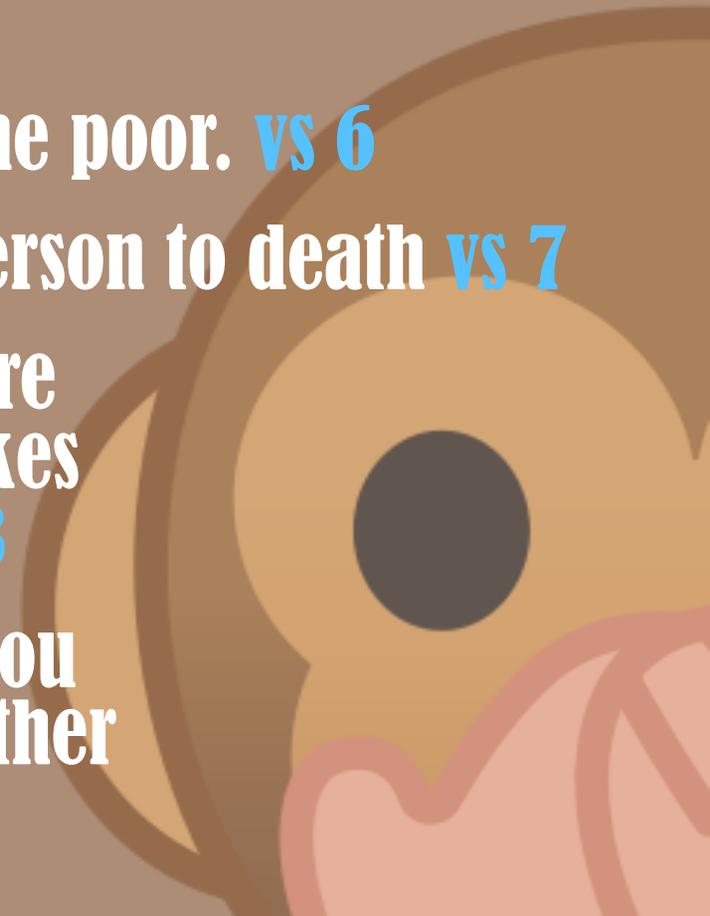
You must not follow the crowd in doing wrong. When you are called to testify in a dispute, do not be swayed by the crowd to **twist** justice. **vs 2**

In a lawsuit, you must not **deny** justice to the poor. **vs 6**

Never **sentence** an innocent or blameless person to death **vs 7**

Take no **bribes**, for a bribe makes you ignore something that you clearly see. A bribe makes even a righteous person twist the truth. **vs 8**

Pay close attention to all my instructions. You must not **call (testify)** on the name of any other gods. Do not even speak their names. **vs 13**



# The Progression of a lie

## Self Deception (nudge)

**This** lie is harmless, its for the best or for the greater good

## Self Justification (posture)

**They** should have known better, they will never find out, what does it matter

## Self Righteousness (me centred)

**I** know what's best, I know what is true, living my truth



So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbours the truth, for we are all parts of the **same body**.  
**Ephesians 4:25**

The **opposite** of deception is to be fully known and accepted



For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because **there is no truth in him**. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies. **John 8:44**

When he lies, he speaks his **native language**, for he is a liar and the father of lies

“**I will** climb to the highest heavens and **be** like the Most High.” **Isaiah 14:14**



For the law was given through  
Moses; grace and **truth** came  
through Jesus Christ. **John 1:17**

