





### **Matthew 5:33-37**

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#### **Matthew 5:33-37**

<sup>36</sup> And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup> Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.



## The Principle of Integrity

vs:33

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#### Leviticus 19:12

<sup>12</sup> You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord.



#### Numbers 30:2

<sup>2</sup> If a man vows a vow to the Lord, or swears an oath to bind himself by a pledge, he shall not break his word. He shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.



# **Deuteronomy 23:21**

<sup>21</sup> "If you make a vow to the Lord your God, you shall not delay fulfilling it, for the Lord your God will surely require it of you, and you will be guilty of sin.



### The Problem Of Integrity

Matthew 23:16-22

<sup>16</sup> "Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'If anyone swears by the temple, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gold of the temple, he is bound by his oath.' <sup>17</sup> You blind fools! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that has made the gold sacred? <sup>18</sup> And you say, 'If anyone swears by the altar, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gift that is on the altar, he is bound by his oath.'



### The Problem Of Integrity

Matthew 23:16-22

<sup>19</sup> You blind men! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that makes the gift sacred? <sup>20</sup> So whoever swears by the altar swears by it and by everything on it. <sup>21</sup> And whoever swears by the temple swears by it and by him who dwells in it. <sup>22</sup> And whoever swears by heaven swears by the throne of God and by him who sits upon it.



### The Practice Of Integrity

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- <sup>1</sup>O Lord who shall dwell on your holy hill?
- <sup>2</sup> He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart;
- <sup>3</sup> who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbour, nor takes up a reproach against his friend;
- <sup>4</sup> in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honours those who fear the Lord; who swears to his own hurt and does not change.