

# Written in Stone: #9 The Truth Is . . .

## Exodus 20:16

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*How hard is it to deal with the truth?!*

*When we don't like the truth we do our best to avoid it!*

*Deception comes in all sorts of forms. Sadly, we are too familiar with them.*

*The truth is . . . we need the truth more than we are often willing to admit!*

*As we unpack #9, ask yourself: "Am I keeping the Ninth Commandment?"*

### What does #9 forbid?

Every **form** of **falsehood**

### Why kind of lies are the worst?

Any lie that **harms** someone else

James 3:6,8

### Watch out for the temptation to **gossip**.

Proverbs 22:1

To defeat gossip in your life, ask yourself:

1. Is that I'm about to say **true**?
2. Is so, does it really **need to be said** now to this person?
3. Would I put it this way if **that person** were here right now?

### It is just as wrong to **listen to gossip**.

Proverbs 18:18

What can you do when someone tries to gossip to you?

1. **Interrupt** them.
2. Offer to **pray** instead.
3. **Re-direct** the conversation.

### If lying is wrong, then what is required?

Telling the **truth** in **love**.

Ephesians 4:15

### #9 Illustrated from Scripture

Case Study: **Ananias** and **Sapphira**

Acts 4-5

- Their sin? **Deception**
- Where did it come from? **Satan**
- Whom did it offend? **God**

### What lies are you telling yourself and others?

Be wary of the lie that we are on the **inside**  
what we try to be on the **outside**.

The truth is we need Jesus to set us free!

John 8:32

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