

Let Your Yes be Yes and Your No be No

Matthew 5:33-37

1. A religious conflict: Man's rules vs. God's intentions.

Matthew 5:33 | ³³ “Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’

Matthew 5:21 | “You shall not murder

Matthew 5:27 | “You shall not commit adultery

Matthew 5:31 | everyone who divorces his wife...commits adultery

Deuteronomy 23:21 | “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.

Leviticus 19:12 | You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord.

2. A radical correction: God's authority stands behind everything we say.

Matthew 5:34-36 | ³⁴ But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.

3. A resultant command: Speak truth in every circumstance.

Matthew 5:37 | ³⁷ Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.