

# The Ten Commandments (9): Language Management

## Exodus 20:16

### I. The Definition of Key Terms

- A. Truth is that which corresponds to reality.
- B. A lie is a contradiction to that which corresponds to reality.

### II. What this Commandment Forbids

- A. **Perjury**: Intentionally giving false information  
(Zacharias 8:16-17; Leviticus 5:1; Deuteronomy 7:16, 17:7, 19:18).
- B. **Slander**: Making defamatory statements to injure the reputation of others  
(Luke 7:34; Mark 3:22, 6:1-3; Genesis 39:7-20; Proverbs 20:19).
- C. **Deception**: Suppressing or covering up the truth  
(Romans 1:18; 1 John 1:5-10; 2:26; Revelation 22:15).

### III. What this Commandment Demands

- A. Truthfulness in our words  
(John 8:44; Proverbs 18:21; 21:23).
- B. Honesty in our relationships  
(Ephesians 4:25, 29-32).
- C. Integrity in our lifestyle  
(Proverbs 27:5-6).