SERMON NOTES

Sunday, June 1, 2008

"MOMEN<u>T OF TRUTH</u>" (Exodus 20:16)

Honesty seems to be in short supply these days. As we continue our study of the Ten Commandments, we focus today on God's call on each of us to value the truth and to live lives of integrity. 1. We will lie to ______. (a) People lie to themselves about (b) People lie to themselves about _____. (c) People lie to themselves about _____. 2. We will lie to ______. 3. We will lie to our _____. (a) There are _____ lies (b) There are _____ lies (c) There are _____ lies 1. TELL THE TRUTH ______ . 2. TELL THE TRUTH . **3. TELL THE TRUTH**

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"<u>MOMENT OF TRUTH</u>"

(Exodus 20:16)

"God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?" (Numbers 23:19, NIV).

"You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me!" (John 8:44-45, NIV).

"There are six things the LORD hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers" (Proverbs 6:16-19, NIV).

1. We will lie to <u>ourselves</u>.

- (a) People lie to themselves about <u>family</u>.
- (b) People lie to themselves about <u>church life</u>.

(c) People lie to themselves about personal life.

"For in his own eyes he flatters himself too much to detect or hate his sin" (Psalm 36:2, NIV).

"If anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself" (Galatians 6:3, NIV).

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says" (James 1:22, NIV).

"If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless" (James 1:26, NIV). "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us" (1 John 1:8, NIV).

2. We will lie to <u>God</u>.

"Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God" (Acts 5:3-4, NIV).

3. We will lie to our <u>neighbor</u>.

- (d) There are <u>destructive</u> lies
- (e) There are <u>defensive</u> lies
- (f) There are <u>defective</u> lies

"Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body...Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you" (Ephesians 4:25, 29-32, NIV).

1. TELL THE TRUTH <u>COMPLETELY</u>.

2. TELL THE TRUTH CONSISTENTLY.

3. TELL THE TRUTH LOVINGLY.

"Speak the truth in love" (Ephesians 4:15, NIV).

"Out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks Matthew 12:34, NIV).

"For from the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, all sexual immorality, theft, lying, and slander" (Matthew 15:19, NLT).

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Sunday, June 8, 2008

"PROSPERING WITH INTEGRITY"