

Sunday, May 28, 2023 Dr. Landon Dowden

TRUTHFUL AND TRUSTWORTHY Exodus 20:16

Passage in a Sentence: Father, by your grace, please help us to always speak for the good of others, for Your glory, and for the good of the Gospel.

I. FATHER, PLEASE HELP US TO ALWAYS SPEAK FOR THE GOOD OF OTHERS.

- a. We need to examine the commandment.
 - Consider the context.
 - 1. Truth was to be proclaimed so justice could be preserved.
 - a. Truth was to be proclaimed so those falsely accused would be protected.
 - b. Truth was to be proclaimed so those rightly accused could be punished.
 - 2. Truth proclaimed through multiple witnesses was to be practiced.
 - ii. Consider the consequence.
 - 1. We are careful because our words count.
 - 2. We are careful because our words come with costs.
 - 3. We are careful so that we, by our own words, are not condemned.
- b. We need to extrapolate the concept.
 - i. We do not share what is false.
 - 1. About others
 - 2. About ourselves
 - ii. We steward well what is fact.
 - 1. About others
 - 2. About ourselves
 - iii. We share foremost what is faithful.
 - 1. At the right time
 - 2. In the right way
 - 3. To the right person/people

II. FATHER, PLEASE HELP US TO ALWAYS SPEAK FOR YOUR GLORY.

- a. Our God always speaks Truth.
 - i. He is not just true but Truth.
 - ii. His Word is not just true but Truth.
- b. Our God can always be trusted.
- c. When speaking, we image Him well when we are truthful and trustworthy.

III. FATHER, PLEASE HELP US TO ALWAYS SPEAK THE GOSPEL.

- a. We speak Truth to the world.
- b. We speak Truth from the Word.