

Oaths

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MATTHEW 5:33-37

*"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.' **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. **37** Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil."*

How often does your "yes" mean "yes" and our "no" mean "no"?

We should live in such a way that people believe our "yes" and respect our "no."

James 5:12 (the brother of Jesus)

"Above all, my brothers, do not swear—not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. Let your "Yes" be yes and your "No," or you will be condemned."

We should never forget that Jesus is the most trustworthy being in existence.

2 Corinthians 1:20

"For all the promises of God find their yes in him."

We have to know that our "yes" and our "no" when rooted in Jesus are not only for him but empowered by him.

We must take inventory of our commitments.

In this season what are you saying yes to?

In this season what are you saying no to?

In what are have my words not been trustworthy?

Every yes is a no to something else and every no is a guarding yes to our current commitments.
