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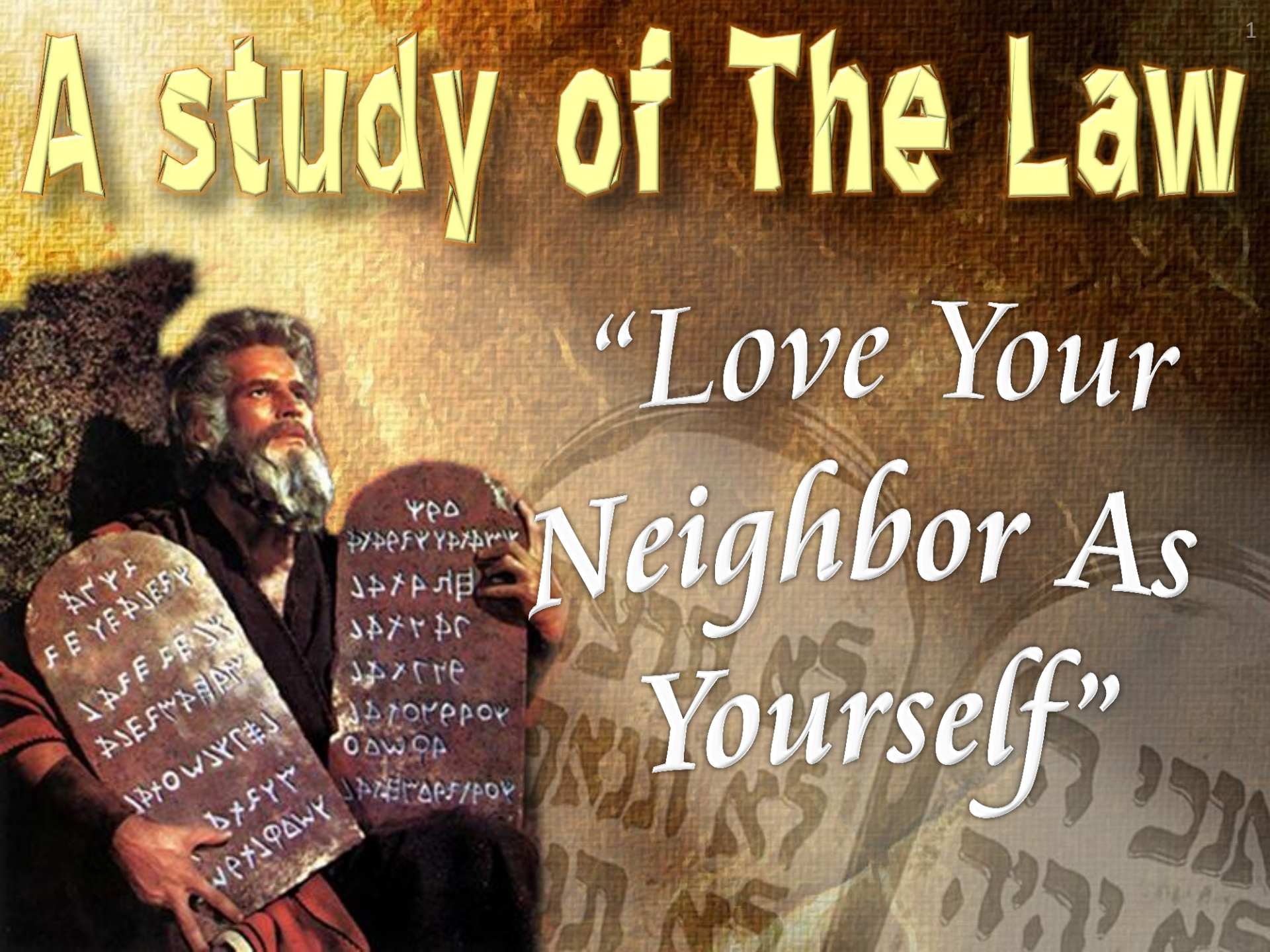

"Love Your Neighbor As Yourself"

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That God Gave Through Moses

"A covenant is a binding contract between two parties, both of whom have obligations specified in the covenant." (Fee and Stuart. 150)

The Law
613 Commands
Toward God
Toward Others
National / Civil

Israel

God's chosen people
Separated from the world as a nation -

(Exodus 19:5-6; 24:3-8; Deut. 5:1-3)

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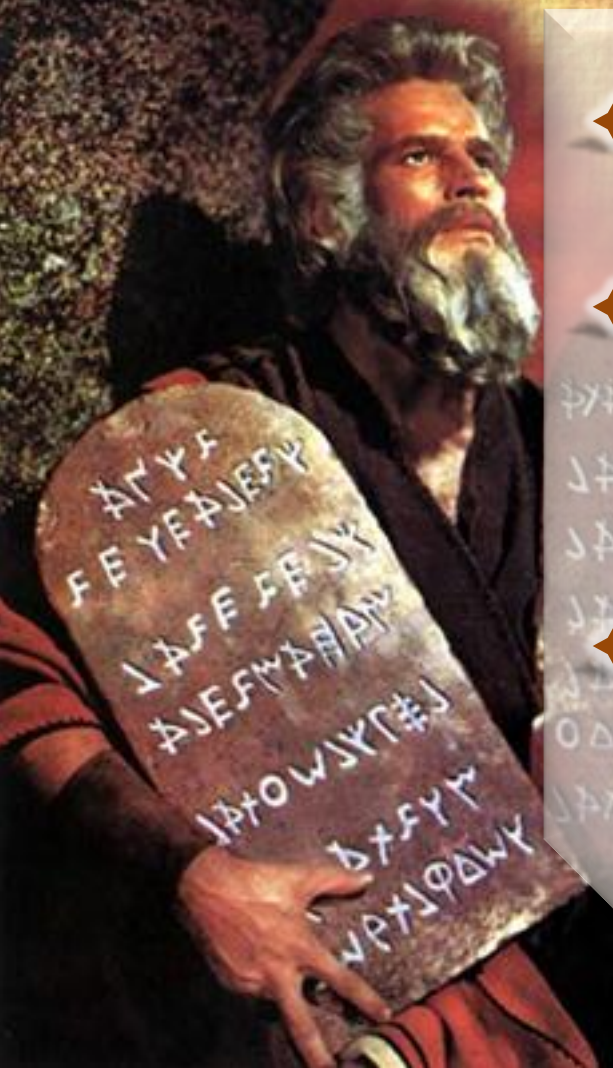

- God's essential nature is unchanging and unchangeable (Malachi 3:6; James 1:17),
- God's law is adapted to man's needs, therefore specific laws have changed in different dispensations (Gen. 6-9; 17:10; Exo 20; Mat. 17:1-5; Heb. 1:1,2; 7:12).
- There are principles behind the law God gave through Moses which will help us understand God and how to please Him. (Rom. 15:4; Gal. 3:24; 2 Tim 3:15)

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Two Major Divisions

Love God

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make for yourself a carved image.
3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Love Man

5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness.
10. You shall not covet.

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Exodus 20:1-17 Deuteronomy 5:1-22

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Exodus 20:13-17 (NKJV)

13 "You shall not murder. 14 "You shall not commit adultery. 15 "You shall not steal. 16 "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. 17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that *is* your neighbor's."

Deuteronomy 5:17-21

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"You Shall Not Steal"

Leviticus 6:1-7 (NKJV)

1 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 2 "If a person sins and commits a trespass against the LORD by lying to his neighbor about what was delivered to him for safekeeping, or about a pledge, or about a robbery, or if he has extorted from his neighbor, 3 or if he has found what was lost and lies concerning it, and swears falsely--in any one of these things that a man may do in which he sins:

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Leviticus 6:1-7 (NKJV)

4 then it shall be, because he has sinned and is
guilty, that he shall restore what he has stolen, or
the thing which he has extorted, or what was
delivered to him for safekeeping, or the lost thing
which he found, 5 or all that about which he has
sworn falsely. He shall restore its full value, add
one-fifth more to it, *and* give it to whomever it
belongs, on the day of his trespass offering.

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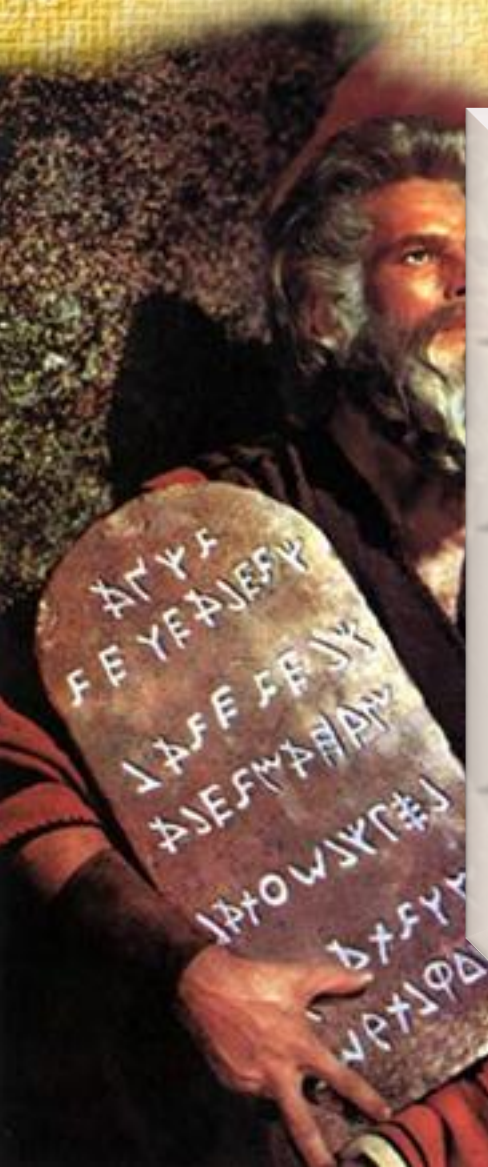

Leviticus 19:11-37

- 'You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another. – (11)
- 'You shall not cheat your neighbor, nor rob him. The wages of him who is hired shall not remain with you all night until morning. – (13)
- 'You shall do no injustice in judgment, in measurement of length, weight, or volume. You shall have honest scales, honest weights, an honest ephah, and an honest hin: - (35,36)

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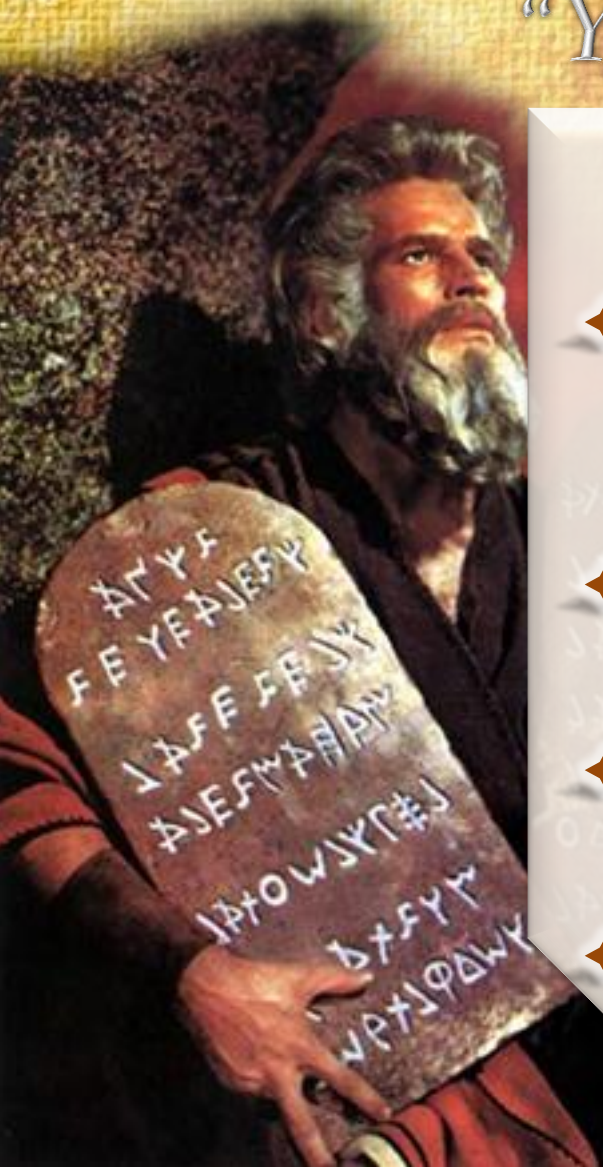
"You Shall Not Steal"



Exodus 22:1-4

- If a man stole an ox or sheep and slaughtered it or sold it he had to repay five for one — (1)
- If a thief was killed in the process of committing theft there was no guilt — (2)
- The thief was to make full restitution – if he couldn't – he was to be sold — (3)
- If the stolen property was found in one's possession – he must repay double — (4)

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"You Shall Not Steal"

A Grievous Sin In Israel

- **Isa 1:23 —** ". . . companions of thieves; Everyone loves bribes, And follows after rewards . . ."
- **Eze 22:13 —** ". . . I beat My fists at the dishonest profit which you have made . . ."
- **Eze 22:27 —** ". . . are like wolves tearing the prey, to shed blood, to destroy people, and to get dishonest gain."
- **Eze 22:29 —** " . . . used oppressions, committed robbery, and mistreated the poor and needy; and they wrongfully oppress the stranger."

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"You Shall Not Steal"

We Must Respect The Property Rights Of Others

- **Stealing** - (Eph. 4:28; 1 Cor. 6:10)
- **Theft** - (Matt. 27:38; Luke 10:30; John 12:6; 1 Pet. 4:15)
- **Robbery** - (Jn 18:40)
- **Extortion** - (Matt. 23:25)
- **Pilfering** – (Titus 2:10 NKJV) "*to purloin, embezzle, withdraw covertly and appropriate to one's own use*": —Thayer

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We Must Respect The Property Rights Of Others

- **Take pay for work not done** – (Luke 16:12)
- **Not paying bills** – (Rom 13:8)
- **Not paying for work done** – (James 5:4)
- **Not respecting copyright laws** – (1 Thes 4:6)
- **Deliberately cheat or take advantage of another** – (Luke 3:13)

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We Must Respect The Property Rights Of Others

- **Forbidden** – (Eph. 4:28; 1 Pet. 4:15)
- **Will not go to heaven** - (1 Cor. 6:10)
- **Violates legitimate means of transfer** – (Eph. 4:28) - *(Labor – invest - Exchange – Love [gift])*
- **A matter of the heart** – (Mat. 15:19)
- **Violation of love** – (Rom. 13:8-10; Matt. 7:12)

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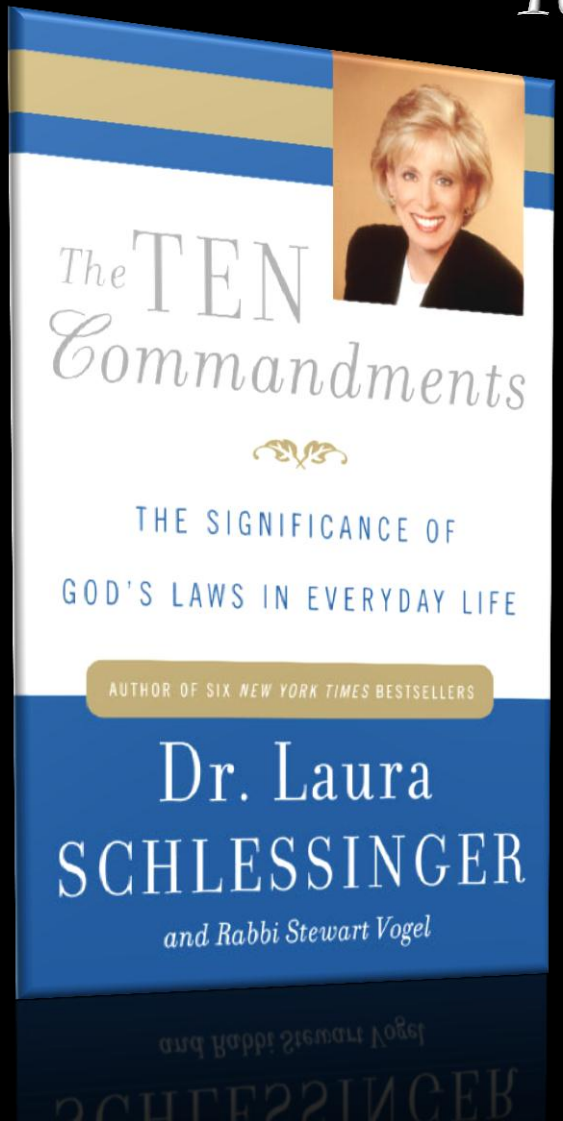

Excuses

- **I didn't know it was "hot"**
- **They lost it / Their mistake**
- **It's only fair –** (I deserve it / they deserve it)
- **It's not hurting anyone –** (They can afford it / I didn't take anything *[plagiarism . . .)*
- **It's business**

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"You Shall Not Steal"

- **As Christians we are to be:** - Honest – Trustworthy – Dependable – Caring - Giving
- **Parents – teach your children to respect others property** - (Eph. 6:4)

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"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor"

Deuteronomy 19:15-21 (NKJV)

15 "One witness shall not rise against a man
concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits;
by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter
shall be established. 16 If a false witness rises against
any man to testify against him of wrongdoing, 17
then both men in the controversy shall stand before
the LORD, before the priests and the judges who
serve in those days.

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Deuteronomy 19:15-21 (NKJV)

18 And the judges shall make careful inquiry, and
indeed, *if* the witness *is* a false witness, who has
testified falsely against his brother, 19 then you shall do
to him as he thought to have done to his brother; so
you shall put away the evil from among you. 20 And
those who remain shall hear and fear, and hereafter
they shall not again commit such evil among you. 21
Your eye shall not pity: life *shall be* for life, eye for eye,
tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

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"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor"

"To answer or give evidence against a person (Gen_30:33). To consciously gives utterance to falsehood, . . . From this it is evident, that not only is lying prohibited, but false and unfounded evidence in general; and not only evidence before a judge, but false evidence of every kind, by which (according to the context) the life, married relation, or property of a neighbour might be endangered (cf. Exo 23:1; Num 35:30; Deu 17:6; Deu 19:15; Deu 22:13.)."

(Keil & Delitzsch)

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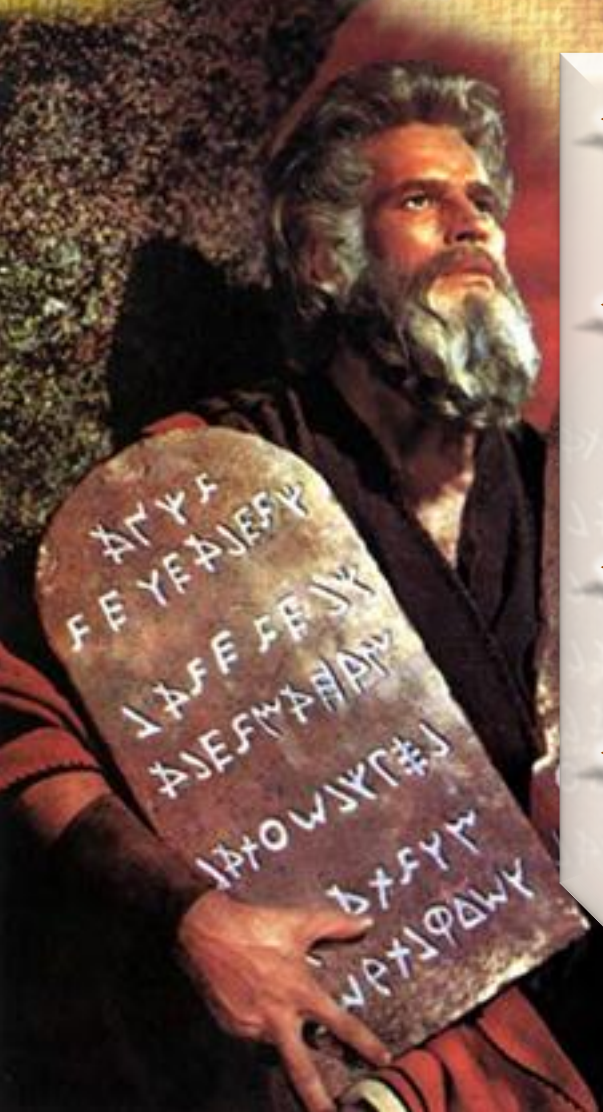

- **Ex 23:6** — "You shall not pervert the judgment of your poor in his dispute"
- **Ex 23:7** — "Keep yourself far from a false matter; do not kill the innocent and righteous. For I will not justify the wicked"
- **Lev 19:11** — 'You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another.
- **Lev 19:16** — You shall not go about as a talebearer among your people; nor shall you take a stand against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

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- **Ps 101:5-7** — "Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, Him I will destroy; . . . 7 He who works deceit shall not dwell within my house; He who tells lies shall not continue in my presence."
- **Pr 10:18 —** "Whoever spreads slander is a fool."
- **Pr 11:13 —** "A talebearer reveals secrets, But he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter."

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- **Prov. 6:16,17** - The Lord hates a lying tongue —
- **Prov. 5:6** – "You shall destroy those who speak falsehood; The LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man" –
- **Prov. 12:22** - Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord —

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- **Eph. 4:31** — Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.
- **1 Tim. 1:10** — for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine,
- **2 Tim. 3:3** — unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,

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James 4:11-12 (NKJV)

11 Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. 12 There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you to judge another?

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1 Peter 2:1-3 (NKJV)

1 Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, 2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,

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1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NKJV)

4 Love suffers long *and* is kind;
love does not envy; love does not
parade itself, is not puffed up; 5
does not behave rudely, does not
seek its own, is not provoked,
thinks no evil; 6 does not rejoice
in iniquity, but rejoices in the
truth; 7 bears all things, believes
all things, hopes all things,
endures all things.

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"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor"

- We should demand truthfulness – for - "For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.." (Deut. 32:4; John 1:14)
- We need to be trustworthy people – even though honesty sometimes hurts!

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"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor"

- **Lying is harmful to self and others!**
- **Healthy relationships require trust!**
- **We need to be honest in all our dealings with others!**
- **We must be honest with the word of God!**

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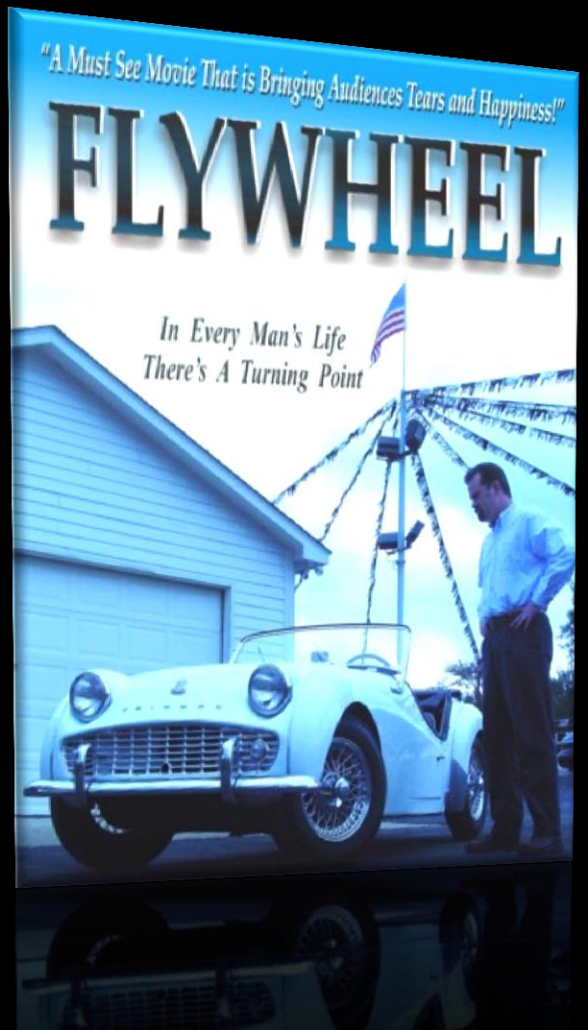
"Do Not Steal or Bear False Witness"



Honesty is always the Best policy!

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"Do Not Steal or Bear False Witness"

Luke 8:15
(NKJV)

But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

Those With Honest and Good Hearts Will Hear The Word of God & Obey It

Acts 17:11,12
Acts 2:36-38
James 1:21,22

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