

Jesus Style Living

Part 9

Jesus on Integrity

Matthew 5:33-37

Introduction

Big Idea

Oaths are unnecessary in normal speech since God desires truthfulness based on personal integrity.

Four High School Students

"The Day America Told The Truth" (James Patterson & Peter Kim)

I. The Old Testament Traditional Teaching Vs.33

- A. A composite of scripture. (Lev. 19:12, Num. 30:2, Deut. 23:21)
 - 1. Vows were encouraged. (Deut. 10:20)
 - 2. Brought credibility to your statement.
 - 3. Biblical examples (David & Jonathan, Abraham, Jephthah)

II. The New Testament Abuse Vs.34

- A. Looked for ways to get around vows.
- B. Oath was not binding if it did not include God's name.
- C. Epidemic of frivolous swearing.

III. The Call For Integrity Vs.34-37

- A. No vows using references to people or objects.
- B. Best practice, no vows. (James 5:12)
- C. Living out the practice.
 - 1. Admit your struggle.
 - 2. Be slow to speak.
 - 3. Do a heart check.
 - 4. Is what you're going to say true and honorable and will it build up the other person.

Conclusion

Tell the truth every time!

Have Integrity