



Ten Commandments: Eighth Commandment



Prayer: Collect for 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Grant us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are pleasing in your sight that we, who without you cannot do anything that is good, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



Music: The Law of God is Good and Wise (v. 1-2)

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Vocabulary:

1. False Testimony: To lie or withhold truth causing our neighbor's good reputation to suffer in any way.
2. Gossip: The telling of false or even true information about a person when you have no right to say such things.
3. Slander: A statement or even harsh truth intended to hurt someone's reputation rather than help and support them.



Catechism Pages: LSC (blue) p. 85-86; (maroon) p. 87-89



Questions:

1. In your own words define "False Testimony", "Gossip" and "Slander".
2. How often do we do these things?
3. With your Mentor list some different situations where it is easy to lie, gossip or slander.
4. What is the purpose of our words especially in reference with our neighbor? (It usually takes 7 positive words to offset one negative word!)
5. If you know the truth about someone can you tell others about it? We wouldn't be lying, gossiping or slandering then, would we? When should we tell the truth about someone else?
6. If someone is lying, gossiping, or slandering to you about someone else how can we help this person and our neighbor that is being hurt?

**Liturgy:** Kneeling

Many people kneel in worship or in their homes to show reverence before God. It is a physical posture that reflects our humility and unworthiness before God. When and where in our liturgy would it be appropriate to kneel?

**Bible Study:** 1 Kings 21:1-16

1. Who are the main characters in this Scripture and what did they do?
2. Why did Ahab want Naboth's garden? Why did Naboth not want to sell?
3. What should Ahab have done when he received this "No" answer?
4. What did his wicked wife suggest? What was the most important part of this plan?
5. "Sticks and stones can break my bones but words can never harm me." Is this a true statement in light of this Scripture? Can our words harm or even kill people?

**A Closer Look:** Encouraging Our Neighbor

It has been said that for every one negative comment about a person it takes 5-7 positive comments to offset it. Instead of criticizing someone to their face or behind their back let's try to say 5 good things about them. How would this affect our neighbor and others we are talking with?

**Activity:**

Gossip Circle
Reputation (p. 18 EES)
Other

**Music:** The Law of God is Good and Wise (v. 3-4)

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**Prayer:** Luther's Meal Blessing (Psalm 145:15-16)

The eyes of all look to You, O Lord, and You give them their food at the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us and these Your gifts which we receive from Your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Memory Work:**

1. First 5 Old Testament books spelled correctly
2. Eighth Commandment with explanation, LSC (blue) p. 85; (maroon) p. 87
3. Matthew 18:15