

The Ninth Commandment

Preliminary - Why teach the commandments?

They do not make us righteous... only Christ can do that. They simply provide for us a picture of godly living!

They make us aware of what righteous living would look like!

To point us to our goal (where God wants to take us)

To function as our compass

Our Society needs them!

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“You must not testify falsely against your neighbor” (**Exodus 20:16 NLT**)

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor” (**Exodus 20:16 NKJV**)

1. Truth and truthfulness is a high value in our relationship with God! In Fact our relationship with God depends upon it!
 - a. Adam
 - b. Cain
 - c. **Psalm 15:1-2**
 - d. **Psalm 32:1-5**
 - e. The “12 Steps...”
 - f. **James 5:16**

2. Truth and the Gospel of John
 - a. **John 14:6**
 - b. **John 4:23**
 - c. **John 8:32**

3. Truth is part of the Armor of God and is a powerful weapon in spiritual warfare - **Ephesians 6:14**

Alcoholics Anonymous What are the 12 Steps?

1. *We admitted we were powerless over alcohol - that our lives had become unmanageable.*
2. *Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.*
3. *Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.*
4. *Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.*
5. *Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.*
6. *Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.*
7. *Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.*
8. *Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.*
9. *Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.*
10. *Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.*
11. *Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.*
12. *Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics and to practice these principles in all our affairs.*