

## WORDS MATTER

# The Eighth Commandment

IF YOU HAD TO REWRITE LUTHER'S EXPLANATION TO THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT IN YOUR OWN WORDS (P.110 - ANSWER TO "WHAT DOES THIS MEAN"), WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

WHEN HAVE YOU SEEN EXAMPLES OF PEOPLE BREAKING THIS COMMANDMENT IN YOUR OWN LIFE? GIVE 2 SPECIFIC EXAMPLES.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GOSSIPING AND TELLING THE TRUTH?

WHAT DO THE FOLLOWING BIBLE VERSES TELL US ABOUT "SPEAKING TRUTH IN LOVE"?

1 Thessalonians 5:14

2 Samuel 12:1-14

Ephesians 4:11-16

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ARE THERE TIMES WE SHOULD WITHHOLD THE TRUTH? CHECK OUT EXODUS 1:15-20 TO HELP WITH THIS QUESTION.

WHAT DO THE FOLLOWING BIBLE VERSES TELL US ABOUT HOW THIS COMMANDMENT TEACHES US TO LOVE GOD?

Proverbs 11:13

Zechariah 8:17

Colossians 3:9

WHY DO YOU THINK SO MANY OF GOD'S COMMANDMENTS HAVE TO DO WITH HOW WE USE OUR WORDS? WHICH COMMANDMENTS DO YOU THINK INSTRUCT US ON THE POWER OF WORDS?