

Title: Kingdom Proof

Text: Matthew 5:33-37

Target: The weight of our words are measured not by the number of them, but the value in them.

I. **The Context of the Command:** *“Again you have heard that it was said to those of old”* (Vs. 33)

A. Plain Observation:

1. Exodus 20:7: *“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain”* (3rd Commandment)
2. Exodus 20:16: *“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor”* (9th commandment)

B. Proper Application: (Proverbs 6:16, Leviticus 19:12, Numbers 30:2, Deut. 5:11, 23:22)

II. **The Consideration of the Command:** *“You shall not swear falsely but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.”* (Vs. 33)

A. Heart of the Matter: False Vows (Perjury)

1. Seemed so Flippant
2. Sought to be Flagrant

B. Hope of the Message: Fulfilled Vows (Perform)

1. Strive to be Factual
2. Seek to be Faithful

III. **The Commitment in the Command:** *“But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.”* (Vs. 34-36)

A. Testifying (UNDER) Oath: (Matthew 26:63–64, 2 Cor. 1:23)

1. Bear Witness to Substantiate
2. Bear Witness to Authenticate

B. Taking (AN) Oath:

1. Don't Manipulate the Truth
2. Don't Fabricate the Truth
3. Don't Exaggerate the Truth

IV. **The Consideration in the Command:** *“Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.”* (Vs.37)

A. Sincere in your Speech: *“simply”*

B. Practice what you Preach: Say what you mean, mean what you say!

C. Don't overextend your Reach: *“anything more”*

Take Away: Living a life of character with consistency causes credibility!