

# Oaths – Vows What impact do these have?

## Matthew 5:33 – 37

"Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' 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. Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil. (ESV)

## James 5:12

But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. (ESV)

### Numbers 30:2

If a man vows a vow to the LORD, or swears an oath to bind himself by a pledge, he shall not break his word. He shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth. (ESV)

## Judgements

 Often we follow-up Judgements with Vows •"I will never by like that person, being all the time' Some Biblical References, Matthew 7: 1-5 Luke 6:37 John 7:24

#### Romans 2:1-6

Therefore you are without excuse, O man, everyone who judges; for in that in which you judge another, you condemn yourself, for you who judge do the same things. But know that the judgment of God is according to truth on those who practice such things. And, O man, the one judging those who do such things, and practice them, do you think this, that you shall escape the judgment of God? Or do you despise the riches of His kindness, and the forbearance and long-suffering, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance? But according to your hardness and your impenitent heart, do you treasure up wrath for yourself in a day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who will render to each according to his works; (MKJV)

## Why is this important?

Morality?
Good Idea?
God's Spiritual Law?
Are there others that apply to this?

## Honoring parents

Many references to this:
 ✓ Exodus 20:12
 ✓ Matthew 19:19
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#### **Deuteronomy 5:16**

Honor your father and your mother, as Jehovah your God has commanded you, so that your days may be made longer, and that it may go well with you in the land which Jehovah your God gives you. (MKJV)

## Hebrews 12:15 Bitter Root Judgements

See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;

#### Sowing Job 4:8 As I have seen, the ones who plow iniquity and sow wickedness reap the same. (MKJV)

Galatians 6:7-9 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked. For whatever a man sows, that he also will reap. For he sowing to his flesh will reap corruption from the flesh. But he sowing to the Spirit will reap life everlasting from the Spirit. But we should not lose heart in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not faint. (MKJV)

### Law of increase

Hosea 8:7 For they sow the wind, and they reap the whirlwind...... (MKJV)

2Corrinthians 9:6-8 But I say this, He who sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully shall also reap bountifully. Do not be deceived, God is not mocked. For whatever a man sows, that he also will reap. For he sowing to his flesh will reap corruption from the flesh. But he sowing to the Spirit will reap life everlasting from the Spirit. (MKJV)

## **Accomplishing Forgiveness**

 Recognition Confession • Repentance Forgiveness Accept Forgiveness Ask the Lord to fill our hearts where we have controlled Ask the Lord to bless the other person Restitution – sometimes need to do something extra to restore our broken relationship with the other

## Forgiveness

Matthew 6:14-15 For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. (MKJV)

Additional references – Matthew 6:12 - Matthew 18:21-35 Luke 17:4 - 2Corrinthians 2:10 - 1 John 1:9

## How has this impacted your life?

• We have all done this! Do we have reoccurring themes in our lives? • Do we behave like our parents? • Do we behave the opposite? What is your story? We are all impacted by this!

## Questions: