

Connect

How can seeing things in black and white be beneficial to bringing God glory, but when can it be detrimental?

Verses - James 5:12 (CSB)

12 Above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your “yes” mean “yes,” and your “no” mean “no,” so that you won’t fall under judgment.

Study

1. In 1 Thessalonians 2:5, Paul calls God as a witness to his testimony. What kind of oath making and promises are not right in the eyes of God and towards others and why? (Hebrews 10:23) How can empty oaths and promises tarnish the Lord's reputation as a Christian?

2. Christ said in Matthew 5:37, *"But let your 'yes' mean 'yes,' and your 'no' mean 'no.' Anything more than this is from the evil one."* What did Christ mean by *"Anything more than this is from the evil one?"* (John 8:44; Deuteronomy 23:21-23)

☕ **DISCUSS:** Why do we as believers make a marriage oath before God and the church? (or in courts) How is this different from the warnings we have been given?

🏃 **APPLY:** How should the Christian respond when we want to say, "no." How can we not become like robots without hearts? (John 1:16; 1 John 4:8) Is it OK to change your mind?

Share

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves. Everyone should look not to his own interests, but rather to the interests of others. **Philippians 2:3-5**

When have you seen others doing this? How did it glorify God?

Grow

Minister to one another through sharing praise and specific prayer requests.

- Pray for the Lord to help us to be Philippians 2:3-5 Christians.
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