

We Speak the Truth with Love

Keep these ideas in mind as you study *Chapter 19*.

❖ The Eighth Commandment tells us to not bear false witness. The phrase “to bear false witness” means “to tell a lie.” God wants us to keep our promises and to not tell lies. Jesus told Pilate the truth, even though he knew he would be killed for it.

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❖ Jesus gives us the courage to tell the truth and to keep our promises, even when it is hard.

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❖ Thomas More was a lawyer and helper to King Henry VIII of England. He would not tell a lie, even to save his life. When Thomas More was sentenced to death, his last words were, “I die the king’s good servant, but God’s first.”

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❖ Saying only true and good things is protecting others’ good names. We show love by not talking about what others do.

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❖ Our words are true, patient, unselfish, and kind when we speak with love.

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❖ God wants us to say only what is true and good. Sometimes we show love simply by being quiet.

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❖ Make-believe stories are not wrong because everyone knows that they are not really true.

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