

10 FOOLISH THINGS

PEOPLE DO TO
MESS UP THEIR LIVES

Exodus 20:16

Commandment #1

**“Thou shalt have no other
gods before me.”**

(Exodus 20:3)

Commandment #2

“Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.”

(Exodus 20:4)

Commandment #3

**“Thou shalt not take the name
of the Lord thy God in vain.”**

(Exodus 20:7)

Commandment #4

“Remember the sabbath day,
to keep it holy.”

(Exodus 20:8)

Commandment #5

“Honor thy father and thy
mother.”

(Exodus 20:12)

Commandment #6

“Thou shalt not kill.”

(Exodus 20:13)

Commandment #7

**“Thou shalt not commit
adultery.”**

(Exodus 20:14)

Commandment #8

“Thou shalt not steal.”

(Exodus 20:15)



**“What becomes of a society if
no one’s word means a thing?”**

Gary Smith, *Sports Illustrated*, April 8, 2002

Commandment #9

**“Thou shalt not bear false
witness against thy neighbor.”**

(Exodus 20:16)

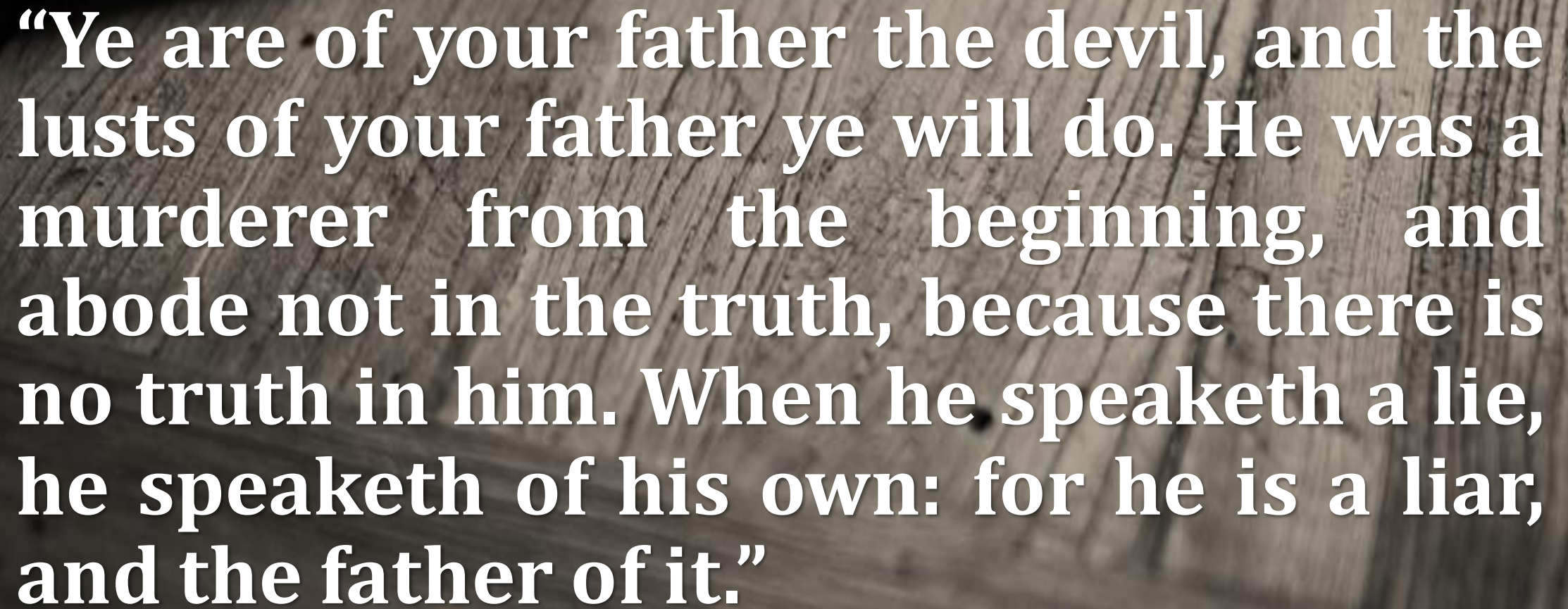
FOOLISH THING #9

Failing to tell the truth, the
whole truth, and nothing but
the truth

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- Truth identifies you with the Father; lies identify you with Satan (*John 8:44*).

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“Ye are of your father the devil, and the
lusts of your father ye will do. He was a
murderer from the beginning, and
abode not in the truth, because there is
no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie,
he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar,
and the father of it.”

John 8:44

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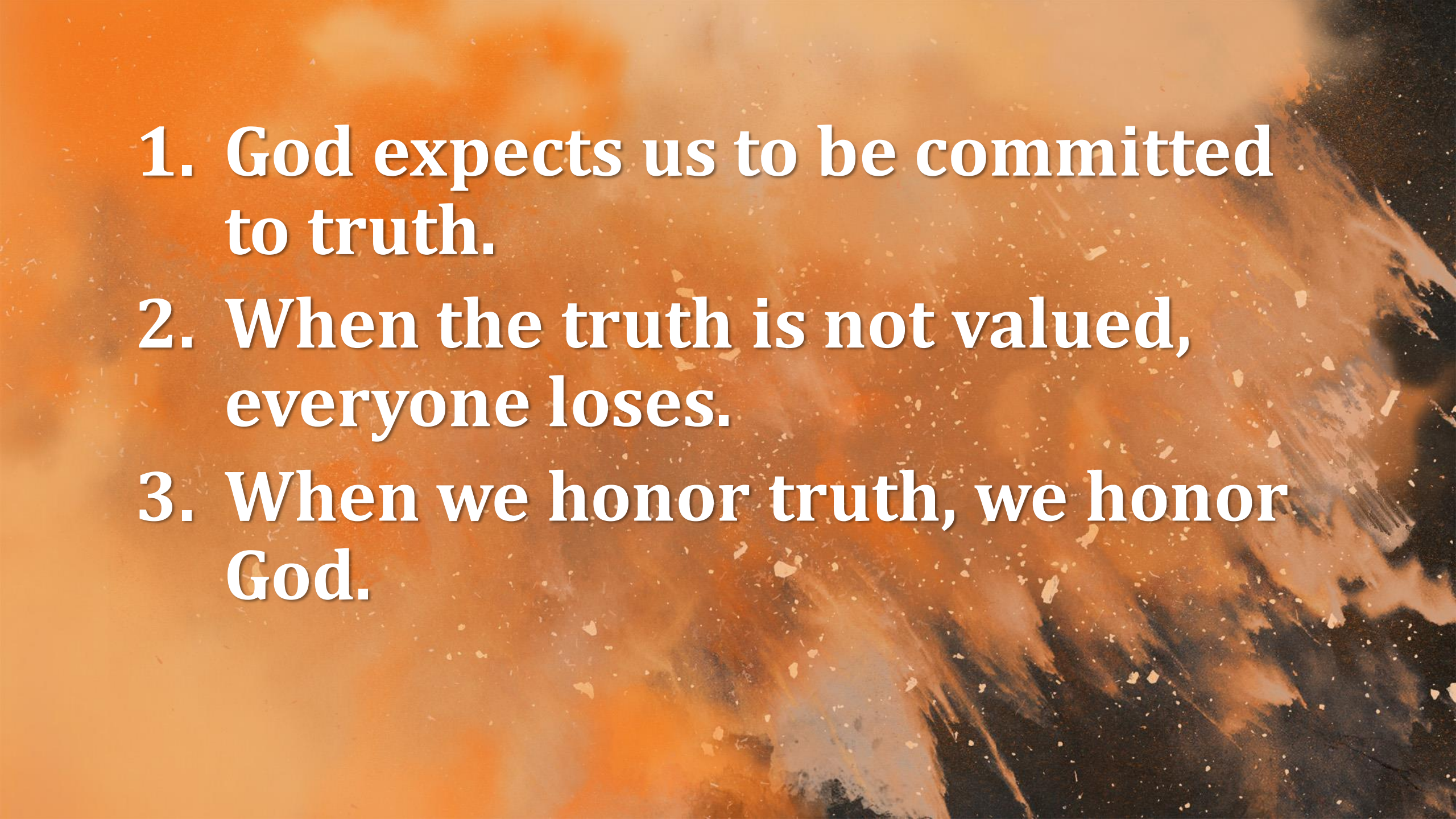
Different kinds of lies that we have a tendency to tell:

- Lies of malice
- Lies of convenience/expediency
- Lies of fear
- Lies of carelessness or exaggeration
- Lies of boasting
- Lies of half-truth
- “White lies”
- Lies of silence or innuendo

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Truth affects relationships!



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 3. When we honor truth, we honor God.

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**“Lie not one to another; seeing that
you have put off the old man with his
deeds, and have put on the new
man.”**

Colossians 3:9-10

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- 1) Truth evidences a change in your life; lies evidence that you are still a liar (*Col. 3:9-10*).
- 2) Truth creates a spirit of trust; lies create a spirit of deceit and hypocrisy.
- 3) Truth sets a good pattern for your life (and for your family); lies set an evil pattern for your life.
- 4) Truth frees (*Jn. 8:32* “*truth will set you free.*”); lies enslave.



**“Oh, what a tangled web we weave,
when first we practice to deceive”**

Sir Walter Scott

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**“Behold, You desire truth
in the inward parts.”**

Psalm 51:6

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“Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.”

- Am I enslaved by habits of falsehood & exaggeration?
- Am I allowing others to believe something about me that God and I know are untrue?
- Do I ever lie to protect my reputation?
- Am I reflecting a true witness of what Jesus is really like?