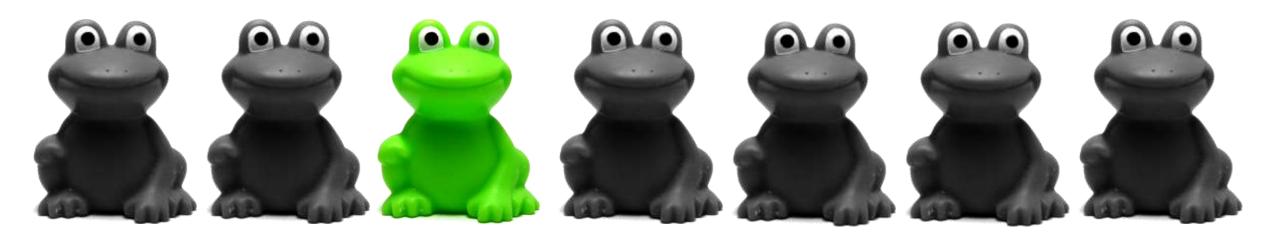
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"You have heard the law that says, 'A man can divorce his wife by merely giving her a written notice of divorce." ³² But I say that a man who divorces his wife, unless she has been unfaithful, causes her to commit adultery. And anyone who marries a divorced woman also commits adultery.

³³ "You have also heard that our ancestors were told, 'You must not break your vows; you must carry out the vows you make to the LORD.' ³⁴ But I say, do not make any vows! Do not say, 'By heaven!' because heaven is God's throne.



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³⁵ And do not say, 'By the earth!' because the earth is his footstool. And do not say, 'By Jerusalem!' for Jerusalem is the city of the great King. ³⁶ Do not even say, 'By my head!' for you can't turn one hair white or black. ³⁷ Just say a simple, 'Yes, I will,' or 'No, I won't.' Anything beyond this is from the evil one.





Deuteronomy 24:1

Suppose a man marries a woman but she does not please him. Having discovered something wrong with her, he writes a document of divorce, hands it to her, and sends her away from his house.





Luke 17:1-2

One day Jesus said to his disciples, "There will always be temptations to sin, but what sorrow awaits the person who does the tempting! 2 It would be better to be thrown into the sea with a millstone hung around your neck than to cause one of these little ones to fall into sin.



Matthew 5:33-37



"You have also heard that our ancestors were told, 'You must not break your vows; you must carry out the vows you make to the LORD.' 34 But I say, do not make any vows! Do not say, 'By heaven!' because heaven is God's throne. 35 And do not say, 'By the earth!' because the earth is his footstool. And do not say, 'By Jerusalem!' for Jerusalem is the city of the great King. 36 Do not even say, 'By my head!' for you can't turn one hair white or black. 37 Just say a simple, 'Yes, I will,' or 'No, I won't.' Anything beyond this is from the evil one.



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Jesus is challenging us to become people of our word—to keep the vows, and commitments, and promises we make.



Matthew 5:28

But I say, anyone who even looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.





His point in this passage is not to help us find a back door to getting out of our vows; his point is that we need to take our vows





Ecclesiastes 5:4

When you make a promise to God, don't delay in following through, for God takes no pleasure in fools. Keep all the promises you make to him.





There's no point in looking for loopholes; if you've made a promise, you've obligated yourself.





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Psalms 15:4

Those who despise flagrant sinners, and honor the faithful followers of the LORD, and keep their promises even when it hurts.





If you make a promise, you can't break it. You have to live with it until you live up to it. It's not always easy, but it's right.





Quit Making Careless Promises

Ecclesiastes 5:5

It is better to say nothing than to make a promise and not keep it.





Quit Making Careless Promises

Make fewer promises. Be careful before you commit.





Quit Making Careless Promises

"If asked when you can deliver something, ask for time to think. Build in a margin of safety. Name a date. Then deliver it earlier than you promised."





The key is not to get them to believe the promises you make, the key is to only make promises you have the power to keep.



