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**Finding Freedom In The Ten
Commandments**

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Exodus 20:16

You must not testify falsely against your neighbor.

James 3:1-8

Dear brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers in the church, for we who teach will be judged more strictly. ² Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way.

³ We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. ⁴ And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong. ⁵ In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches.

James 3:1-8

But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. ⁶ And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself.

⁷ People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, ⁸ but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison.

Similarly, if you cannot go for twenty-four hours without saying unkind words about others, then you have lost control over your tongue.

A REPUTATION IS A VAULABLE POSSESSION

Proverbs 22:1

Choose a good reputation over great riches; being held in high esteem is better than silver or gold.

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*Your Reputation Determines the Level Of Respect
You Receive*

Luke 2:52

Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with
God and all the people.

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Your Reputation Determines The Level Of The Response You Receive

"What you do speaks so loudly that I cannot hear what you are saying." In other words, the world will never believe what say until they can see what we believe!

A REPUTATION CAN BE VANDALIZED PUBLICLY

It is a serious thing

The words of a false witness can be forgiven, but they will never be forgotten by those who are touched by their poison!

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Proverbs 26:20-28

Fire goes out without wood, and quarrels disappear when gossip stops. ²¹ A quarrelsome person starts fights as easily as hot embers light charcoal or fire lights wood. ²² Rumors are dainty morsels that sink deep into one's heart. ²³ Smooth words may hide a wicked heart, just as a pretty glaze covers a clay pot. ²⁴ People may cover their hatred with pleasant words, but they're deceiving you. ²⁵ They

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pretend to be kind, but don't believe them. Their hearts are full of many evils. ²⁶ While their hatred may be concealed by trickery, their wrongdoing will be exposed in public. ²⁷ If you set a trap for others, you will get caught in it yourself. If you roll a boulder down on others, it will crush you instead. ²⁸ A lying tongue hates its victims, and flattering words cause ruin.

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It is a sad thing

Slander

We are guilty of slander when we knowingly lie about another person in an effort to harm their reputation.

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Lying

A false statement deliberately presented as being true.

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Criticism

Constructive criticism is a good thing, but destructive criticism is devastating to you and the people you are criticizing.

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Gossip

Gossip is always a sin!

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Insinuation

*When we are guilty of making people doubt
another's reputation, we are guilty of sin
before the Lord.*

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Flattery

Flattery is lying!

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Exaggeration

When we exaggerate, we are lying!

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Silence

We become a party to the deception by not setting the record straight.

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It is a sinful thing

Proverbs 12:22

The LORD detests lying lips, but he delights in those who tell the truth.

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Ephesians 4:25

So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth,
for we are all parts of the same body.

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Proverbs 6:16-19

There are six things the LORD hates— no, seven things he detests: 17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that kill the innocent, 18 a heart that plots evil, feet that race to do wrong, 19 a false witness who pours out lies, a person who sows discord in a family.

Have your words ever hurt anyone else?

Have your words ever caused someone to turn away from Christ?

Have your words put someone else down to the point that you have stifled their self esteem and confidence?

Have you been wounded by words?

Are you willing to turn your speech over to Jesus?

