

Family Discipleship Resource

March 3-9

(Matthew 5:33-37)



G – Gather for Prayer

Father,

I thank you that you can always be trusted and taken at Your word. Help me to grow as a person of integrity so that I might represent Your way well before an unbelieving world.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

R – Read the Text (Matthew 5:33-37)

“Again, you have heard that the ancients were told, ‘You shall not make false vows, but shall fulfill your vows to the Lord.’ But I say to you, make no oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Nor shall you make an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. But let your statement be, ‘Yes, yes’ or ‘No, no’; anything beyond these is of evil.”

O – Observe what God has said

Why do people feel the need to swear by things?

According to Jesus, why is this inappropriate and even dangerous?

W – Work on Application

Today, we as believers and as subjects in His Kingdom need to ask ourselves, are we trustworthy with all of those around us? Do individuals take us at our word? Is my integrity worth my weight in gold or just the gold toe socks on my feet? Ultimately, what is advocated for here is simplicity. If you and if I are holy in our words to each other, we escape the need for all oaths and assurances when we speak.

What things can we do to build trust with each other?

How might we guard against making promises we don't end up keeping?

Family Weekly Memory Verse: “Sin is not ended by multiplying words, but the prudent hold their tongues.”-Proverbs 10:19