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Matthew 5:33-37

YOUR WORD IS YOUR BOND

I. Introduction:

Is Your Life Characterized By Honesty and Integrity?

II. Unpacking the Passage:

A. Don't be _____ In What You Say.

"Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but keep the oaths you have made to the Lord.' Matthew 5:33

Old Testament Passages on Oaths:

'Do not swear falsely by my name and so profane the name of your God. I am the LORD.'" Leviticus 19:12

"When a man makes a vow to the LORD or takes an oath to obligate himself by a pledge, he must not break his word but must do everything he said." Numbers 30:2,

"If you make a vow to the LORD your God, do not be slow to pay it, for the LORD your God will certainly demand it of you and you will be guilty of sin." Deuteronomy 23:21.

B. Don't Be _____ In What You Say

³⁴ "But I tell you, Do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. ³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black." (Matthew 5:34-36)

C. Do Be _____ In What You Say

³⁷Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one." Matthew 5:37

III. Conclusion and Application:

The message here is that our character should be marked by **honesty** and **integrity**. This is the character of the godly person.

- Are you as good as your word?
- Are you someone others can count on?
- Are you a person of integrity and honesty?
- Is your word your bond?
- Does your yes mean yes and your no mean no?