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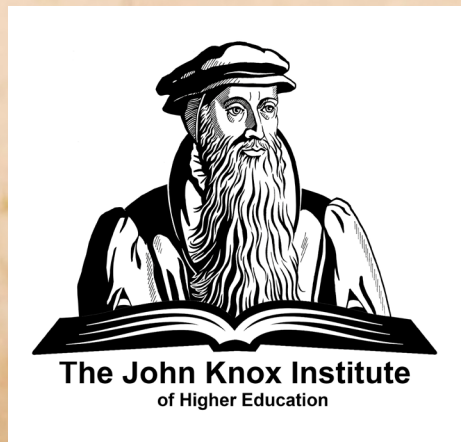
**Youth Study Guide**

for Lecture #41

**The Ten Commandments:**

**Love for Truth**

*Catechism Questions 76, 77, & 78*



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## YOUTH STUDY GUIDE

for Lecture #41

## The Ten Commandments: Love for Truth

### Memorization

**Question 76:** *Which is the ninth commandment?*

**Answer:** *The ninth commandment is, “Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.”*

**Question 77:** *What is required in the ninth commandment?*

**Answer:** *The ninth commandment requireth the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and in our own and our neighbour’s good name, especially in witness-bearing.*

**Question 78:** *What is forbidden in the ninth commandment?*

**Answer:** *The ninth commandment forbiddeth whatsoever is prejudicial to truth, or injurious to our own or our neighbour’s good name.*

### Lecture Structure

1. Introduction.
2. The beauty of truth.
3. Sharing the truth.
4. Denying the truth.
5. Applications.

### Basic Questions for Question and Answers 76, 77, & 78

1. What do the words “bear witness” mean as they are used in this lecture?

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2. What do the words “maintain truth” mean as they are used in this lecture?

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3. What do the words “promote truth” mean as they are used in this lecture?

4. What does the word “prejudicial” mean as it is used in this lecture?

5. Summarize the main teachings from the answers to Questions 76, 77, & 78.

**Bible Study Questions**

*(Look up the Scripture texts, read them, then write them out in the space provided.)*

1. *God is the true God, and he is the God who always speaks and communicates the truth.*

1 Thessalonians 1:9 \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 6:17–18 \_\_\_\_\_

2. *The ninth commandment requires the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and of our own and our neighbour’s good name, especially in witness-bearing.*

Zechariah 8:16 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Peter 3:16 \_\_\_\_\_

3 John 1:12 \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 14:5, 25 \_\_\_\_\_

3. *The ninth commandment forbids whatsoever is prejudicial to truth or injurious to our own or our neighbour's good name.*

1 John 2:21 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Samuel 16:5 \_\_\_\_\_

Colossians 3:9 \_\_\_\_\_

**Lecture Checkup**

1. What is the value of speech and communication in mankind? How should it be governed and directed?

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2. How is the truth related to God? What does this mean to us?

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3. Is God able to lie? Why? How can you prove this from the Bible?

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4. What is your understanding of "telling the truth"? What part of the truth should we tell?

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5. What does it mean to maintain and promote our own good name? and our neighbor's good name? Why should we do that?

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6. What is gossip? What does the Bible say about gossip?

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7. What is the essence of lying? What about “little white lies”?

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8. Is it right to lie to protect someone who is in danger? What did Samuel do to avoid lying when he came to Bethlehem to anoint David?

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9. How should we understand the example of Rehab who lied to save the Israelite spies in Jericho? How did God commend her?

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10. Does telling the truth mean that we must always tell everyone everything we know? Is there a time to remain silent? Explain, and prove your answer from the Bible.

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**Practical Application**

1. Examine yourself against what you have learned about the ninth commandment. Ask yourself, “Whose image do I bear by my speech and my communications?” Why are we always tempted to lie in our everyday lives?

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2. Having learned more about the ninth commandment, are you feeling convicted of this sin? Do you see your need for Christ? Now consider the speech and communications of the Lord Jesus as recorded in the Gospels. What is Christ’s work in the life of a believer in regard to telling the truth?

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