

Lord's Day 43

Heidelberg Catechism

The Third Part – Of Thankfulness

Question 112

What is required in the ninth commandment?

Answer

That I bear false witness against no man,¹ nor falsify any man's words;² that I be no backbiter, nor slanderer;³ that I do not judge, nor join in condemning any man rashly or unheard;⁴ but that I avoid all sorts of lies and deceit⁵ as the proper works of the devil, unless I would bring down upon me the heavy wrath of God;⁶ likewise, that in judgment and all other dealings I love the truth, speak it uprightly, and confess it;⁷ also that I defend and promote, as much as I am able, the honor and good character of my neighbor.⁸

1 Prov. 19:5

A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape.

Prov. 19:9

A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall perish

Prov. 21:28

A false witness shall perish: but the man that heareth speaketh constantly.

2 Ps. 15:3

He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.

3 Rom. 1:29, 30

Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

4 Matt. 7:1 ff.

Judge not, that ye be not judged.

Luke 6:37

Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:

5 Lev. 19:11

Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another.

6 Prov. 12:22

Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his delight.

Prov. 13:5

A righteous man hateth lying: but a wicked man is loathsome, and cometh to shame.

7 1 Cor. 13:6

Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

Eph. 4:25

Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

8 1 Pet. 4:8

And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.