

Lord's Day 43

112. Q. What is required
in the ninth commandment?

A. I must not give false testimony against anyone,
twist no one's words,
not gossip or slander,
nor condemn or join in condemning anyone
rashly and unheard.

Rather, I must avoid all lying and deceit
as the devil's own works,
under penalty of God's heavy wrath.

In court and everywhere else,
I must love the truth,
speak and confess it honestly,
and do what I can
to defend and promote
my neighbour's honour and reputation.

1. Ps 15; Prov 19:5, 9; 21:28; Mt 7:1; Lk 6:37; Rom 1:28-32.
2. Lev 19:11, 12; Prov 12:22; 13:5; Jn 8:44; Rev 21:8.
3. 1 Cor 13:6; Eph 4:25.
4. 1 Pet 3:8, 9; 4:8.