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o January 18th 2009

Sermon notes

A WEEKLY RESOURCE FOR AIDING THE APPLICATION OF THIS SUNDAY'S SERMON AT REDEEMER TO YOUR LIFE.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. What are some of the ways we imitate the oaths of the Pharisees and give ourselves elaborate loopholes to what we promise?
2. How does the tendency to over commit effect your temptation to speak less than decisively? What should you say when being tempted to over commit?
3. What relationship is the greatest challenge to truth telling, and promise keeping and why? (Tony mentioned spouse, children parents, church, and employers.)
4. Discuss the 3 reasons Tony gave to keep our commitments:
 - We reflect our commitment keeping God
 - We encourage others
 - We evangelize by showing the world something that must be given by God because it's not natural.

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James 5:12

Tony Felich

James 5:12 But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

Matthew 5:33-37 "Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' [34] But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, [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 take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. [37] Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.

The family of God should be so truthful that we never need oaths or vows to verify our words.

- *What does the Bible mean by an oath?*
- *God wants His children to decisively speak the truth*
- *God commands His children to keep their commitments!*

Redeemer Happenings



Missions Conference Church-Wide Dinner – This Saturday, at 5 p.m. Plan to spend the evening hearing from missionaries Phil Fiol and Jonathan Taylor. Please bring a main dish (8-10 servings) and a side dish (vegetable, salad, soup) or a dessert to share.