

Let your "Yes" be "Yes"

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Matt 5:33-37

33 "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.' 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. 37 Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

1. CHRIST IS CALLING HIS PEOPLE TO A LIFE OF INTEGRITY.

(v. 37) Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes'.

2. 'NO' IS AN ACCEPTABLE ANSWER.

(v. 37) and your 'No,' 'No'

3. WHEN YOU SAY YES, FOLLOW THROUGH.

Does your 'Yes' mean 'Maybe'?

Does your 'Yes' mean 'Probably'?

Does your 'Yes' mean 'Sometimes'?

Does your 'Yes' mean 'If it's convenient'?

Does your 'Yes' mean 'If I feel like it'?

- Or -

Does your 'YES' MEAN 'YES'!

4. AS ALWAYS, JESUS IS OUR PERFECT EXAMPLE

Matt 20:18-19

18 "We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed ... condemn[ed] to death ... mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!"

Luke 22:42-43

42 "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."

John 19:30

Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Matt 28:5-6

5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said."

John 14:16-18

16 "...I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth...18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."

Matt 26:64

"In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One..."

Matt 24:30-31

30 "... [We] will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. 31 And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other."