

**Cultivating  
a Christian Character**

***Studies in  
The Sermon on the Mount  
Matthew chapters 5-7***

***Promises, promises  
Matthew 5.33-37***

# 1. Clarifications, v34

## ➤ *“Do not swear”*

*- not bad or blasphemous language  
out of place in every Christian*

*Mat 12.34; Eph 4.29; 5,4,8; Col 3.8*

*- not taking oaths in law courts Ex 22.10-11*

## ➤ *It's about making promises*

## **2. Beware of Looking for Loopholes, vs33-36**

- ***as far as promise keeping is concerned***  
***Ex 20.7; Lev 19.12***  
***everything belongs to God anyway***  
***don't split hairs Mat 23.16-22***
- ***promises are meant to be kept Mat 21.28-31***  
***don't create wriggle room Eccles 5.5; Num 30.2***

### **3. Be Known for Telling the Truth, v37**

- ***Satan is the source of deception*** ***John 8.44***
- ***God is full of Truth*** ***Isaiah 65.15***  
***John 1.14; 14.6; 14.17; 15.26; 16.13***
- ***We must be like God, truthful***  
***Eph 4.25; Col 3.8-9; James 5.12***
- ***Truthfulness is necessary for trust***  
***the foundation for good relationships*** ***2 Cor 1.20***