## Do Not Lie

### The Rule

# Do not <u>modify</u>, <u>distort</u> or <u>amend</u> the truth when talking about others.

You must not tell lies about your neighbor.

Exodus 20:16 NCV

When you lie about your neighbors, it hurts them as much as a<br/>club, a sword, or a sharp arrow...Proverbs 25:18 NCV

### The Reason

# Because lying voids your <u>credibility</u>, damages your <u>character</u> and <u>hurts</u> others.

*Love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth.* 1 Corinthians 13:6 GN

#### The Response

#### I will live <u>truthfully</u> in word, <u>thought</u> and <u>action</u>.

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6 NIV

I came so that they could have life—indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest. John 10:10 CEB

#### 1. Discover the truth in God's Word.

Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

John 17:17 NIV

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105 ESV

*Then you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.* John 8:32 NCV

#### 2. Guard the truth in my heart.

...out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him... Matthew 12:34 NIV

They traded the truth of God for a lie...

Romans 1:25 NCV

#### 3. Speak the truth with my mouth.

He whose walk is blameless...has no slander on his tongue, who does his neighbor no wrong and casts no slur on his fellowman. Psalm 15:2-3

So you must stop telling lies. Tell each other the truth, because we all belong to each other in the same body.

Ephesians 4:25 NCV

Do not lie to each other. You have left your old sinful life and the things you did before. You have begun to live the new life, in which you are being made new and are becoming like the One who made you. This new life brings you the true knowledge of God. Colossians 3:9-10 NCV