

你嘴里说的“是”真的指是，你说的“不是”真的指不是吗？Is your “Yes,” yes and your “No,” no?

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5:37说道，“你们的话，是，就是说是；不是，就说不是；若再多说，就是出於那恶者（希腊文里面所说的‘出于那恶者，’指的是撒旦，他就是说谎者的始祖，正如约翰福音 8:44所说的）。”

言语乃是有意义的声音。如果一个人所说的话是没有意义的，就是白说了。在马太福音5:37那里的经文当中我们看到，如果你所说的话语超出了那个简单的“是”与“不是”的范畴，那么它们就是出于撒旦的，乃是没有任何良好之意图的。

基督徒怎么会说出撒旦的话语来呢？是的，他们会这么做的！你看马太福音16:23那里，耶稣对他的使徒彼得说，“撒旦，退我后边去吧！...”哎呀，这些从主耶稣口中出来的话语是何等的严厉，明确地指出，彼得所说的话乃是来自于撒旦的。而且，照着圣经原文的意思，乃是在直接称呼彼得为撒旦，虽然我们不知道，彼得当然不能被说成是撒旦本人的。撒旦是谁呢？他是一位堕落的天使，背叛了上帝的。在这节经文的场景当中，我们可以说彼得乃是被撒旦利用了。彼得的话被撒旦利用来拦阻耶稣，要使耶稣灰心，不去走十字架的道路。然而基督到地上来的最重要的使命，就是要上十字架的。耶稣来到世间，乃是要为罪而死，为要拯救人们脱离撒旦的国度，正如歌罗西书1:13所说的。撒旦当然不甘心看到自己的黑暗国度里面的囊中之物，被人夺取。

当你必须使用起誓的方式来表达所谓的“是”与“不是”的时候，那就是在表明你是一个不诚实的人，你通常所说的话语是毫无意义的，或者是大打折扣的。换言之，你是一个会说谎的人。你要选择这样的生活方式吗？

在主耶稣的日子里面，以及我们今天的生活当中，人们起誓，为的是在他们那个微弱的“是”上面添加一些份量，以表明他们真的会去履行自己的诺言。千万不要相信他们的话。照样，你自己也是不要起誓。如果你一直是按照诚实、本着真理而说话的，你的话语乃是满有能量的！你不需要说更多的其它的话。上帝更是能够在你的诚实之言上面添加祝福，使得人们能够相信你所说的。

耶稣希望我们都成为诚实的人，这样当我们开口的时候，任何人都会信得过我们。如此一来，圣灵也就有机会使用我们的话语来推行公义的事情。而且，当我们以这种诚实的态度与人分享福音的时候，也为大大地有助于那些慕道友来相信我们所说的话。事实证明，那些诚实的人们都是非常受人尊敬的，就算他们不见得每次都从人们得到美好的回应。诚实的人们往往能够成为在商业界比较成功的人，他们也会是很好的员工，很可靠的朋友，等等。公义的上帝也是会回报那些说话诚实的基督徒的。

你或许还记得，耶稣就是因为说了真话，“我就是 I am，”意思是，“我是神，”而被抓捕，然后被钉死在十字架上的，那是记载在约翰福音8:58。虽然主耶稣被人钉死在十字架上，但是后来他从死里复活了。上帝，也就是主耶稣的父亲，乃是对于基督的命运有最终的解释权和决定权。正因为耶稣是忠实的，父神于是就“...又赐给他那超乎万名之上的名...”（腓立比书2:8-11），并且主耶稣“...便坐在神宝座的右边。”（希伯来书12:2）。

你们这些基督徒啊，停止说谎吧！你到底是想要得到上帝的喜悦和夸奖，还是只想要讨好他人呢？你是要保住自己的“面子，”还是你更看重上帝的面子呢？请你读一下民数记6:22-27的经文，特别是25节。说诚实的话吧，上帝会奖励你的！

Is your “Yes,” yes and your “No,” no?

Matthew 5:37 “But let your statement be, ‘Yes, yes’ or ‘No, no;’ and anything beyond these is of evil (Greek says, “of the evil one” which is Satan, who is the father of lies, John 8:44).”

A word is a sound with meaning. If the word has no meaning it is useless. In Matthew 5:37 we see if your words go beyond a simple “Yes” and “No” then they are from Satan and have no meaning for good.

Do Christians speak words from Satan? Yes, they do! Note Matthew 16:23, Jesus says to Peter **“Get behind Me, Satan!...”** Woe, those are strong words from Jesus, telling Peter that his words are from Satan. Also even speaking to Peter as Satan, though we can not say Peter is Satan. Satan is a fallen angel, but we can say Peter is being used of Satan. Peter was being used by his words to discourage Jesus from going to the cross, the very reason why He came. Jesus came to die for sin, to redeem man from Satan’s kingdom, Colossians 1:13. Satan did not want to lose his subjects in his kingdom of darkness.

If you must swear in order to communicate you mean “Yes” or “No,” then it indicates you are a dishonest person and your words have little or no meaning. You are a person that lies. What is your choice?

In Jesus’ day and today men swear, adding to their weak “yes” words to show that they will fulfill their promise. Don’t believe them. And do not swear. Words are powerful if spoken in honesty and truth! You do not have to say more. God will add His blessings to your honest words so that people will believe them.

Jesus wants us to be very honest people, so that people will trust us when we speak. This will allow the Holy Spirit to use our words to promote righteousness. It will also greatly help when we speak the Gospel to unbelievers that they will believe us. Honest men are always greatly respected, though they may not always receive good responses from man. Honest people make good business persons, good workers and great friends. God will reward Christians for honest speech.

You may remember that Jesus was crucified for speaking the truth, **“I am,”** meaning, ‘I am God,’ John 8:58. He was crucified, but later **ROSE FROM THE DEAD**. God the Father had the final word to say about Jesus’ destiny. Jesus was truthful and God the Father **“...bestowed on Him the name which is above every name...,”** Philippians 2:8-11. **“...has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God,”** Hebrews 12:2.

Stop lying, you Christians. Do you want God’s favor or man’s? Your “face” or God’s face, Numbers 6:22-27, especially 25? **Speak the truth. God will reward you!**