QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time when someone close to you told

 you something that wasn’t true. How did it affect your relationship

 with that person?

2. What are some of the reasons people feel the need to lie or distort

 the truth?

3. Read the following passages and note what the Bible says about

 keeping your word:

 a) Numbers 30:1-2

 b) Deuteronomy 23:23

 c) Psalm 101:7

d) Ecclesiastes 5:2

e) Ecclesiastes 5:6

f) Matthew 5:33-37

g) I John 2:5

4. What should we do if we made a commitment that becomes

 inconvenient to fulfill? Why?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week’s

 message? (*Share your decision with another person*.)

* I am going to review all the verbal commitments I have made to others and keep my word on those commitments.
* I am going to make a commitment not to gossip about others, and not to listen to others who are spreading gossip.
* I am going to memorize Deuteronomy 23:23.

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James 5:12 Study Series #14

***Keeping Your Word***

**I. Introduction**

 A. Honesty

 B. The Historical Background of Oaths

 (See James 5:12; Matthew 14:6-7; Matthew 26:72; Acts 23:12)

 C. The New Testament View of Oaths

 (See Matthew 5:33-37; Leviticus 19:11-12; Psalm 76:11;

 Psalm 48:2; Matthew 23:22; Isaiah 66:1; Acts 7:49;

 Revelation 3:12)

**II. Keeping Your Word**

 A. The Distinction

 (See James 5:12; Acts 4:12; John 14:6; James 1:17; John 8:44)

 B. The Restriction

 (See James 5:12; Ephesians 4:29; Ephesians 5:4; Luke 1:73;

 Hebrews 3:11; Hebrews 6:13; Genesis 21:25-31;

 Joshua 2:12-20; Exodus 22:10-11; Numbers 5:19-22)

 C. The Instruction

 (See James 5:12; Matthew 5:37; Psalm 15:1-5)

 D. The Motivation

 (See James 5:12; Exodus 20:7; Matthew 23:16-22;

 James 2:13; I Corinthians 11:32; Hebrews 12:6-7)

**III. Conclusion**

**IV. Communion**

Communion at Cornerstone Church is open for all who profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. You do not have to be a member of Cornerstone or a member of a Southern Baptist Church to observe Communion with us. If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, you are welcome to take Communion. If you are not a believer in Jesus Christ, Scripture commands that you refrain taking Communion. (I Cor 11:26-31)

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please contact the church office and the pastor will contact you.

**Passage of Study**

James 5:12

**12**But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but your yes is to be yes, and your no, no, so that you may not fall under judgment.

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