

## Under OT law: (safeguards)

- false witness = given the <u>same</u>
  <u>penalty</u> as accused would have been given
- 2. death penalty = accuser must participate in the execution
- 3. witness <u>suspected</u> of lying = appeal to higher court was allowed

## HONESTY = others have the right to expect truth from my lips

## WHY?

## Truth (in all forms) is a <u>reflection</u> of Almighty God

So each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. (Ephesians 4:25)

People <u>depend</u> on your truthfulness.

A lying tongue hates those it hurts, and a flattering mouth works ruin. (*Proverbs 26:28*)

Lying destroys any Christian witness you would have.

Do not lie to each other ... you have put on the new self which is being made new in knowledge of the image of its Creator (Colossians 3:9-10)

A prudent man keeps his knowledge to himself, but the heart of fools blurts out folly. (Proverbs 12:23)

Those who choose to lie/deceive as a way of life will be **destroyed** and will not be saved.

(Proverbs 12:22) The Lord detests lying lips

(Revelations 21:8) But the cowardly, unbelieving, vile, murderers, sexually immoral, practicers of magic, idol worshipers, and all liars ... their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.

