

Let your 'yes' be 'yes' and your 'no' be 'no'. Matthew 5:37

In my previous article, I talked about minced oaths.

In this article, I would like to look at how Jesus conducted His conversations.

In Matthew 5:34 - 37 He quotes 'But I tell you, do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; or by the earth, for it is His footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes', and your 'No' be 'No'.

When you read the gospels notice that Jesus' words are stripped of all unnecessary words and are as near to fact as possible.

When He spoke. He wasted no words and got straight to the point.

Jesus lived a simple and uncomplicated life. Not once did He tell a lie or try to impress people by what He said by an oath. He simply said 'Yes' or 'No' (oath = a solemn declaration to God or higher authority to speak the truth or keep a promise, or a pledge,)

You don't have to strengthen the truth by a promise, pledge or use inappropriate language simply to make a point.

Let us use Jesus example when we converse with others and allow Him to place words on our lips by thinking what we should say before we say it.

'Let your conversation be always full of grace,'
Colossians 4:6

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