

## Swearing Allowed

### Description

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Imagine that you are subpoenaed to give testimony in a court of law. After being sworn in, your words become evidence. Swearing to give truthful testimony gives the law permission to examine your words in light of other facts. You are not responsible for the outcome—only for telling the truth as you know it. The argument of opposing views is considered; then lawfully weighed by one given authority to pass judgment.

In like manner, when we declare our love and allegiance to God, our entire lifestyle becomes testimony to Him and to an attentive world around us. To knowingly remain content with hard, unplowed “heart-ground” is to rationalize rebellious attitudes, which always perjures our testimony and hinders new growth. Jeremiah sounded the alarm for those who needed to repent by reminding them of their covenant bond with God. Belonging to the Lord means doing away with pride and stubbornness. God can do for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

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