

## **Glorious Alternative 7 - What's Your Native Language?**

**33 "Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.' 34 But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. 36 And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. 37 All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one. Matthew 5:33-37**

***Am I a person who can be trusted to tell the truth in general and/or follow through on my commitments?***

**2 When a man makes a vow to the Lord or takes an oath to obligate himself by a pledge, he must not break his word but must do everything he said. Numbers 30:2**

**9 God, whom I serve in my spirit in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you... Romans 1:9**

***You say, 'If anyone swears by the temple, it means nothing; but anyone who swears by the gold of the temple is bound by that oath.' 17 You blind fools! Which is greater: the gold, or the temple that makes the gold sacred? 18 You also say, 'If anyone swears by the altar, it means nothing; but anyone who swears by the gift on the altar is bound by that oath.' 19 You blind men! Which is greater: the gift, or the altar that makes the gift sacred? 20 Therefore, anyone who swears by the altar swears by it and by everything on it. 21 And anyone who swears by the temple swears by it and by the one who dwells in it. 22 And anyone who swears by heaven swears by God's throne and by the one who sits on it.***

**25 "Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. Matthew 5:25**

**the only reason that we have oaths and resort to swearing is because the world is so deeply dishonest.**

***He (Satan) was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. John 8:44***

**If lies, exaggerations, manipulations, and justifications come easily from your mouth then you have a native language issue.**

***25 Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.” Ephesians 4:25***

**Stop justifying.**

**No is a complete sentence.**

**We need to have the personal security to say no and be OK with not feeling the need to explain why.**

**In a society filled with lies, someone who can be trusted stands out as remarkable.**

**“The power of “no” is a stronger “yes.” - Daniel Henderson**

**Yes is a final answer.**

***“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6***

**Ruthlessly eliminate all dishonesty from your life and live as Christ has called you to live.**