**The Eighth Commandment**

“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.”

God protects reputation: **Leviticus 19:16**

Telling lies: **Leviticus 19:12, Proverbs 19:5**

 Against Jesus: **Matthew 26:59-61**

Slandering him or hurting his reputation: Broadcasting what isn’t public **Matthew 18:15-17**

 Causing injury: **Matthew 26:14-16**

Rather,

To defend our neighbor’s reputation:

 **Proverbs 31:8-9**

 **Mark 14:3-9**

To put the best construction on everything:

 **1 Corinthians 13:4-7**

 **1 Peter 4:8**

Ways to apply that to daily life:

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 Online

 The Golden Rule: Matthew 7:12

**12“So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.**