

Deacon's Beacons

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"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor." Exodus 20:16

While we take this in the broader sense of "You shall not lie," its original sense is that you should not be telling falsehoods about someone else. It is always wrong to lie since that is a misuse of the gift of speech. But it is doubly wrong to lie with the intent of damaging someone else's reputation. In doing so, we break not only the 8<sup>th</sup> Commandment but, in a sense, the 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment as well since we are injuring someone. Gossip is bad even if it is true but it is even worse when it is false and particularly if you know that it is false. Whatever happened to the commandment that Jesus gave us to love one another?

Resurrexit sicut dixit!

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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