

VOWS

Webster's Definition

- A solemn promise or assertion - noun
- To promise solemnly – swear – Verb or bind or consecrate

Matthew 5:33-37 Yea yea or nay, else evil

Numbers Chapter 30 – Devoted to vows, to the Lord and others

A person's word in recent history and all throughout history was highly valued and expected to be true

Biblical Examples of Vows Gone Wrong

- Joshua 9:3-14 With the Gibeonites
 - Consequences II Samuel 21:1-9
- Judges 11:30-40 Jephthah random vow
 - Consequences – did not think about the what ifs

The Modern Church Promotes Without Thought

- Pledge card for giving and other needs
- Wedding Vows

Vow vs Consecration or Covenant

- Vow is one sided promise, unilateral promise
- Covenant – binding agreement among two or more

Remedy for Broken or Bad Vows

- Repentance
- Numbers 30:6-8, The bride asking the bridegroom to disallow the vows