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- Key words...
 - **Vow** - a solemn promise made to God (33)
 - **Oath** - proof of “the veracity of one’s statement by invoking deity, frequently with an implied invitation of punishment if one is untruthful” (34)

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 - A. "Honesty is limited to oaths made in human courts" (33a).
 - B. "Honesty is limited to vows made to God Himself" (33b).
 - C. "Honesty is limited to promises made in God's name" (34-36).

The Common Forms of this Temptation for Us

1. Lying (contradicting or denying what we know is true)
2. Slander
3. Deception (trying to convince someone to accept as true what we know is false)
4. Cheating
5. False Accusations
6. A False Profession