

## WHAT IS TRUTH?

*There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.* Prov 14:12

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*"You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." "What is truth?" Pilate asked. John 18:37-38a*

- **WHAT YOU BELIEVE DETERMINES HOW YOU BEHAVE.**

**It affects us relationally, morally, financially and spiritually.**

## THE FATHER OF LIES

*(The devil) 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 8:44b

*The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness...Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools... They exchanged the truth of God for a lie... Romans 1:18, 22, 25*

## THREE OF SATAN'S GREATEST WEAPONS:

- 1) **RELATIVISM**
- 2) **SUBJECTIVISM**
- 3) **EXPRESSIVE INDIVIDUALISM**

- ***Relativism***—assumption that there is no such thing as absolute truth.
- ***Subjectivism***—I, the subject, have the right to determine what is right and wrong without submitting my judgment to any authority outside myself.
- **Expressive Individualism** - the view that the whole point of a person's existence is to be authentic; that, for individuals to be authentic, they must align their lives with their deepest desires; and that, for societies to be authentic, they must applaud individuals for aligning life with their deepest desires

01. Blaming: If we can find a scapegoat to blame the trauma on

02. Magical thinking: If we can believe a fantasy

03. Prediction: If we can predict the future, then we can feel in control

of the future

04. Alarmism:

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#### 1) TRUTH IS NOT JUST A WHAT BUT A WHO.

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

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning...The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:1-2, 14*

#### 2) JESUS—THE TRUTH—CAN SET YOU FREE.

*Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:32*

*So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. John 8:36*

#### [Romans 10:17](#)

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

#### [John 6:35](#)

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

#### [1 John 5:4](#)

For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

#### [Philippians 4:6-7](#)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

#### [Ephesians 6:16](#)

In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;

#### [Proverbs 3:5-6](#)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

#### [2 Corinthians 12:9-10](#)

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

#### [Romans 12:2](#)

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

**[2 Corinthians 4:16-18](#)**

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

**[Jeremiah 17:9](#)**

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?