

In this world, it is near impossible to find the truth because of the constant lies and deception all around us, even from hypocrites professing to be believers in God and Christ, yet living as the world.

Where then is our only true, reliable and secure source of truth?

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

John 8:31-32: "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Why?

1John 5:20: "We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know Him who is true. And we are in Him who is true by being in His Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life."

Psalms 119:160: "The entirety of Your word *is* truth, and every one of Your righteous judgments *endures* forever."

The reason Jesus declared:

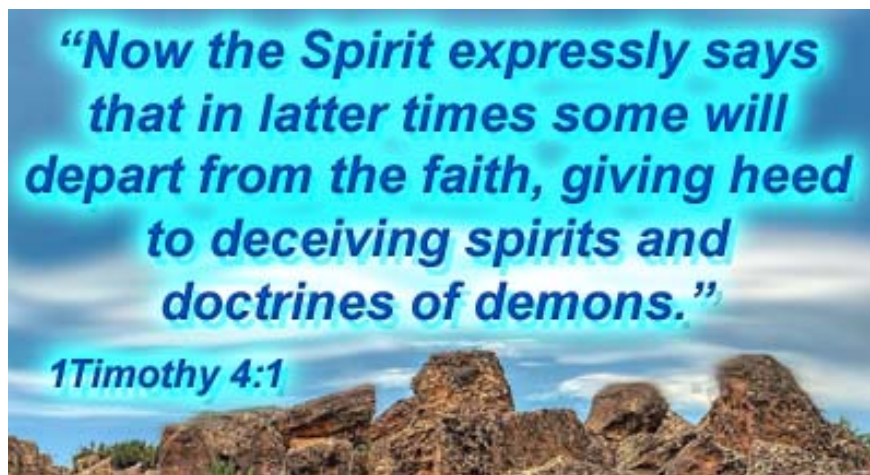
John 18:37: "For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

Then praying to the Father Jesus said:

John 17:17: "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your Word is truth."

Is God's Word clear enough so I believe in God and follow Christ as Lord, the Word of God?

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How does the Word of God define, and warns us about liars and deceivers?

2Corinthians 11:13-15: "Such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness.

1John 2:4: "He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

The warning:

Romans 1:18: "The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness."

Colossians 2:8: "Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ."

Why?

2Corinthians 11:3: "I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ."

Therefore:

Ephesians 5:6: "Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience."

Do I understand the importance of abiding in the truth, so I am not deceived by hypocrites and liars?

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**“Everyone  
who is of the truth  
hears My voice.”**

**John 18:37**



How do we truly abide in the truth, in Christ?

1John 4:4-6: “You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.”

Ephesians 1:13: “In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.”

Psalms 145:18: “The LORD *is* near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth.”

The reason why:

John 15:26: “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.”

1John 1:6: “If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.”

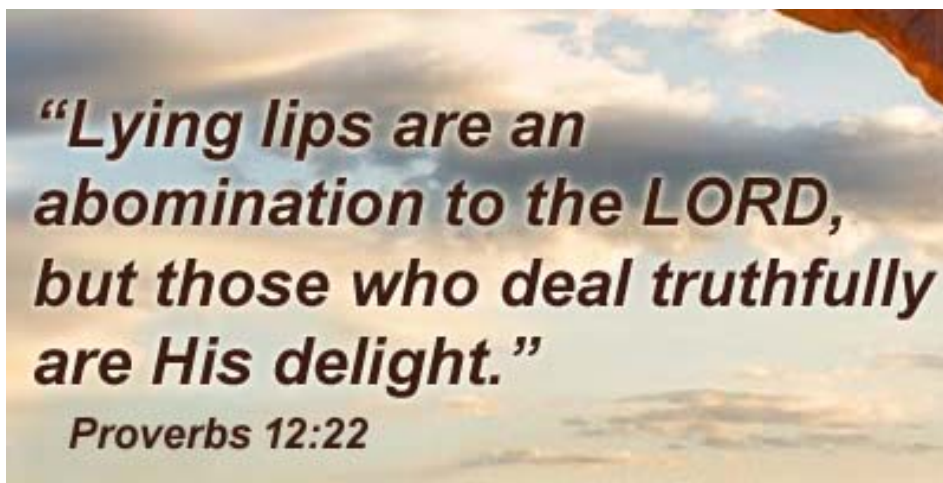
Therefore:

2Corinthians 5:17: “If anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

John 4:23: “True worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.”

Am I anchored to the truth, the Word of God, so I truly abide in Christ from the heart?

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Why must we always be on guard so we speak and live the truth according to the Word of God?

2John 2: “Because of the Truth which abides in us and will be with us forever.”

2Timothy 4:3-4: “For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.”

2Peter 2:1-3: “There will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed. And in their greed they will exploit you with false words.”

Matthew 24:24: “For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.”

Therefore:

Galatians 6:7-8: “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.”

Do I understand and grasp the importance of living by the truth of the Gospel, Christ, the Word of God?

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How can we live the truth of God and avoid the lies and deceit of the world?

2Timothy 2:15: "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

James 1:22: "Be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."

Philippians 4:8: "Whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things."

Furthermore:

1John 4:1: "Do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world."

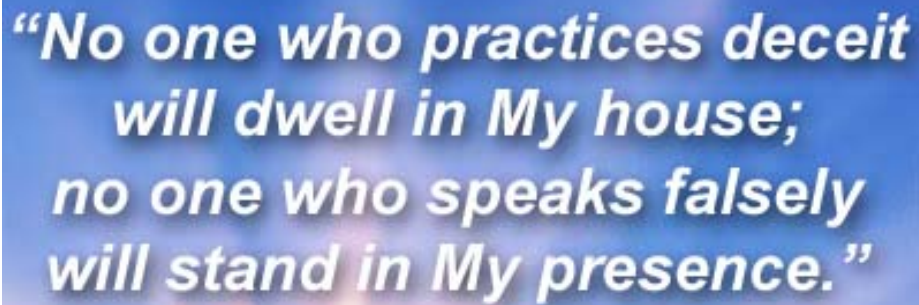
Therefore:

1Peter 1:13-14: "Prepare your minds for action, keep sober *in spirit*, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts *which were yours* in your ignorance."

Romans 12:2: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Am I committed to follow Christ, in living by the truth of the gospel?

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**“No one who practices deceit  
will dwell in My house;  
no one who speaks falsely  
will stand in My presence.”**

*Psalm 101:7*

What does eternity hold for those who lie and deceive?

2Thessalonians 2:9-12: “The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”

Revelation 21:8: “The cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

Proverbs 19:9: “A false witness will not go unpunished, and *he who speaks lies shall perish.*”

The reason why we must be steadfast in His Word because:


1John 5:19: “We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies *under the sway of the wicked one.*”

Therefore, as Jesus said:

Matthew 7:21: “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.”

Do I understand and take seriously the consequences of lies and deceit?

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**“Blessed are  
the pure in heart,  
for they shall see God.”**

**Matthew 5:8**

What should our heart attitude be, so we always stand by the Word of God and live to follow Christ?

Galatians 5:16-18: “Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.”

James 4:8: “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.”

Proverbs 4:23: “Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it *spring* the issues of life.”

Why?

Romans 8:7: “Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.”

Jeremiah 17:9-10: “The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked; who can know it? I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.”

Psalms 24:3-4: “Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor sworn deceitfully.”

Therefore:

Psalms 86:11: “Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.”

How pure is my heart in following Christ?

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