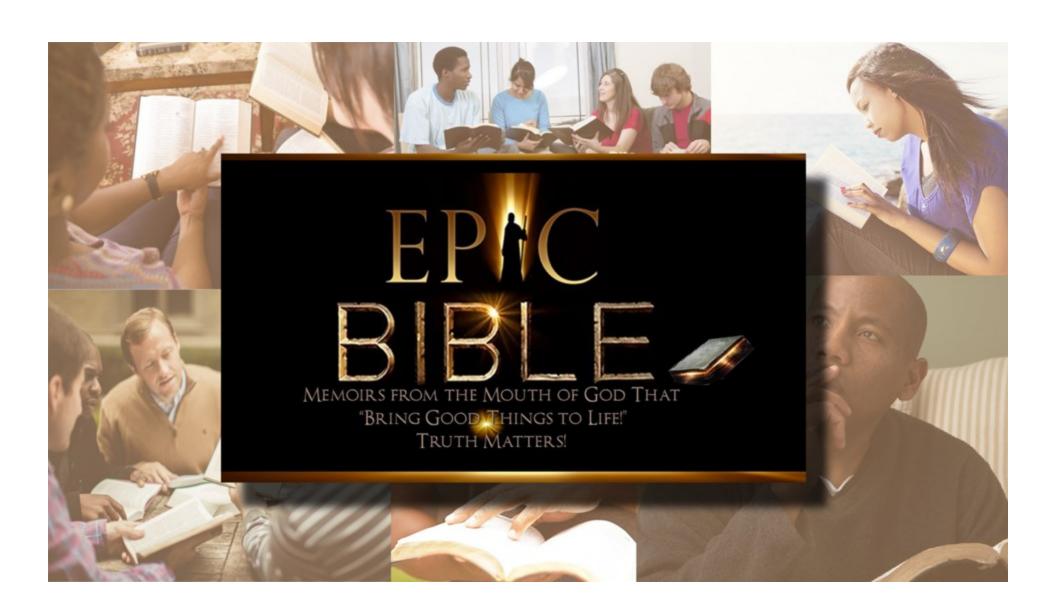


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... & How Much Truth You Tell!

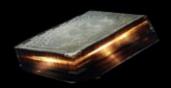
If You Cannot Answer the "Essay"
Questions, Then Your Grade on Biblical
"Truth" is an "F!"

You're Always <u>Learning</u> But Never Able to <u>Grasp</u> the <u>Knowledge</u> of "Truth!"



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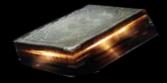


Foundation Scriptures . . . This Series Isaiah 30:10 - 11

They Tell the Prophets, "Stop Seeing Your Visions About What is Right ... Don't Tell Us the "Truth!" Prophesy Nice Things to Us & Make Us Feel Good - Even if it Isn't "True!"

Stop Seeing Things That Will Really Happen. Get Out of Our Way - Stop Telling Us About the Holy One of Israel!"





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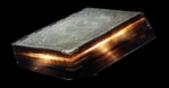
Isaiah 59: 15 - 16

Yes, "Truth" is Gone and Anyone
Who Renounces Evil is Attacked.
The Lord Looked & Was Displeased
to Find There Was No Justice. He

to Find There Was No Justice. He
Was Astonished to See
There Was No Champion, Not Even

One . . .





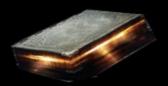
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... Who Would Speak Up for What is Right! So He Himself Stepped in to Deliver Them w/His Strong Arm & His Justice Sustained Him!

*read Isaiah 59:15 amp

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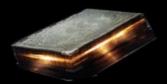
"Memoirs from The Mouth Of God!: Truth" Matters!



Foundation Scriptures . . . This Series 2 Timothy 4: 2 - 4

Preach the Word "Truth!" Be Ready to Do it Whether it is Convenient or Inconvenient. Correct, Confront, & Encourage with Patience & Instruction. For There Will Come a Time When People Will Not Tolerate Sound Doctrine "Truth"

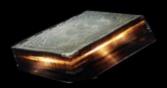




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... but Having Itching Ears, They will Gather for Themselves One Teacher After Another, Who Say What They Want to Hear to Foster the Errors They Hold. They Will Turn Their Back On the "Truth" & Turn to Man-made Fictions!"





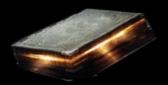
Foundation Scriptures . . . This Series Luke 12: 1

"Beware of the Yeast (Leaven) of the Pharisees, Which is "Hypocrisy!"

The Yeast That Would Grow and Affect Everything Around it!"

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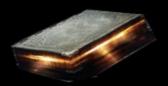
"Memoirs from The Mouth Of God!: Truth" Matters!



Learning OBJ's . . . This Series

"Truth" Matters to God! "Truth" is All About the Wrong or Right Way to Make Use of God's Word! The Responsibility of the Church is to be the "Standard" of Biblical "Truth!" When the Body of Christ Operates in "Truth" it will Eliminate & Separate the "Chaff" from the Wheat! ...





Learning OBJ's . . . This Series

... "Truth" Will Run "satan & Hell"
Out of the Church!

Biblical "Truth" Doesn't Make You More of What You Are or What You Were... Biblical "Truth" Makes You More Like Christ - Holy!

Greatest Challenge & Deficiency in the 21st Century Church: "Truth!"





PowerPoint (Wisdom) Key . . . This Series

Concerning the Bible & Biblical Truth,
Most Believers in the House of God
Today, Prefer Multiple-Choice Test's!
However, God Does Not Consider Your
Ability to Guess or Pick the "Correct"
Multiple-Choice Answer . . . Makes You
an "A" Student! . . .

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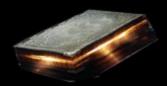


PowerPoint (Wisdom) Key . . . This Series

... God Does Not Care How Much Bible You Can <u>Quote</u> or Get Right on a Multiple-Choice <u>Test</u>! The Only <u>Exams</u> Jesus Provides are "Essay" Questions!

The Holy Spirit is Only Interested in How Much Truth You Understand . . . How Much "Truth" You Are Living . . .





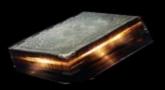
Big Question(s) . . . This Series

What Does "Nothing But the "Truth" So Help Me God" Mean in Our World & in the Church Today?

Is "Truth" Always Absolute, or Can it Change? Can "Truth" be Relative to Your Personal Feelings or Point of View?

How Would you Define Yourself as a Model of Biblical "Truth?"...





Big Question(s) . . . This Series

... Are You a Disciple Who Obeys the "Truth" ... or—are you the Church Member Who Embraces & Follows "Truth" – as Long as it Fits into Your Version & Description of "Truth?"





objecting to the truth of God in your life?

Or do you honor the truth in your life?

Over the past few weeks and months as the truth has been preached and taught... what has your response been?



Note: This is not a question for you to answer with your mouth it's a question that's already answered in your life and how you choose to live it daily.

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2 Timothy 4:3

Matthew 15:8

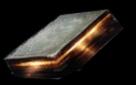
Today we are on trial... we - the church.

Or do you honor the truth in your life?



The world is the jury today and our lives are the only witness on the stand.

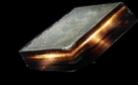
There is no shortage of truth, there is a shortage of those who are honoring the truth.





Foundational Scriptures:

Matthew 15:8 (the issue - lack of honor)



Matthew 22:36-38 & John 14:15 (the solution - love)

Today we will explore what honor in the church looks like, the effects of a lack of honor in the church, & the case that where there is a lack of honor in the church it reflects a lack of honor in our lives.

²²that, regarding your previous way of life, you put off your old self [completely discard your former nature], which is being corrupted through deceitful desires, ²³ and be continually renewed in the spirit of your mind [having a fresh, untarnished mental and spiritual attitude], ²⁴ and put on the new self [the regenerated and renewed nature], created in God's image, [godlike] in the <u>righteousness and holiness of the truth [living in a way that expresses to God your gratitude for your salvation]</u>. Ephesians 4:22-24 Amp

Over the past few weeks we've learned so much about truth, we've explored biblical truths, and we see without a shadow of a doubt that honoring the truth is important to God. But yet there's a case to be made that honor is lacking in the church! So let's now take a moment to look at the God of the truth! Because I'm convinced the more we know Him, the more we love Him, & the more we desire to be like Him.

1 Chronicles 29:11

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Yours is the dominion, O Lord, and You exalt Yourself as head over all.

Psalm 47:2

For the Lord Most High is to be feared, A great King over all the earth.

Luke 1:49

"For the Mighty One has done great things for me; And holy is His name.

1 Peter 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...

1 John 4:10 & 19

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19 We love because he first loved us.

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JEHOVAH-JIREH

"The Lord will provide a sacrifice"
Gen. 22:13

JEHOVAH-RAPHA

"The Lord that healeth thee"

JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH

"The Lord is present" Ezek. 48:35

JEHOVAH-SHALOM

"The Lord our peace"

JEHOVAH-NISSI

"The Lord our banner" Exo. 17:8,15

JEHOVAH-RAAH

"The Lord my Shepherd"

JEHOVAH-TSIDKENU

"The Lord our righteousness" Jer. 23:6 Because of Who HE is...

Because of Who you know Him to be in your life

Honoring The TRUTH = Honoring The Word of God Truth – establishes standard/unites the church

Truth – honors God

Truth – never changes

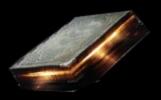
Truth – creates consistency

Truth – sets free

Truth – transforms

We gotta get to a place where as the church universal we don't avoid the conviction of the truth, we embrace it.





Today's Teaching Outline:

The truth is on trial in our lives

& in the church today.

6 pieces of evidence for the court to

consider today:

1. What?

4. Where?

2. Who?

5. Why?

3. When?

6. How?

In your life, how strong is the witness?





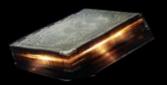
What:

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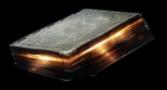
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"showing esteem for one deserving of respect, attention, or obedience."



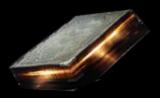


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Who:

Christians, Disciples of Christ, Jesus Follower, Believers:

Who are we called to be?

We discussed already who GOD is... now let's look at who WE are.

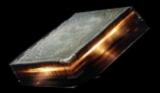
1 Peter 2:9 New International Version

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

2 Timothy 2:21

21 Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.





Who:

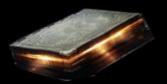
Matthew 5:13-16

13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

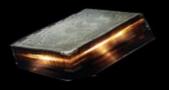




When: at all times

Isaiah 29:15-16 Woe to those who go to great depths to hide their plans from the Lord, who do their work in darkness and think, "Who sees us? Who will know?" 16 You turn things upside down, as if the potter were thought to be like the clay! Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, "You did not make me"? Can the pot say to the potter, "You know nothing"?





Where:

Our hearts Our homes

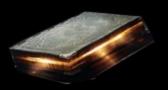
Our jobs Our social media

Our words Our relationships

Our church Our time

Our finances Our purpose





Why:

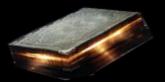
May we so live to enjoy that day when the Lord may say to us,

"Well done, good and faithful servant..." Matthew 25:21

"I do not receive honor from men...
1 John 5:41

Do we place more value on being honored by society than we do on honoring God?
Why do you do the things you do?





How:

Luke 11:42 New King James Version 42 "But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint & rue and all manner of herbs, & pass by justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.

How did we get here, Church? Little by little we are leaving the "others" undone.





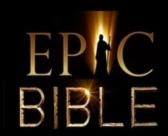
Bottom Line:

We cant have expect to have

honor in the CHURCH

if we dont personally have it in our LIVES.

Is there any area in your life that's lacking evidence of truth?



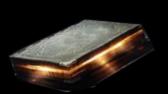


Job honored God in spite of his great grief
Joseph honored God in spite of great betrayal
Moses honored God in spite of his insecurities
Mary honored God in spite of the busy-ness
going around her
The woman at the well honored God in spite
of her sin & shame

What excuse or experience have you placed in your heart where truth should be?

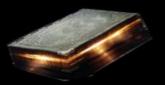
The enemy tries to use situations in our lives to drive a wedge between you and the truth.





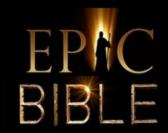
Many times, what happens to us is not our fault, but how we handle it is our responsibility.





How:

Imperfect people, serving a perfect God.
When asked HOW we got here, we all have our reasons for our unfaithfulness. More often than not, it is rooted in what starts as a small veering away from truth. We can trace the sin in our lives back to a decision to operate in something other than the truth our feelings, our flesh, convenience, pride, grief, anger, disappointment…



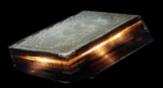


The good news is – that if veering away from the truth is what leads us into sin, then we can correct course! Because of Gods grace we can repent and turn back to the truth. No matter how much we felt the evidence was stacked against us!

We serve a God who will throw out all the evidence against us.

For I will forgive their wickedness & will remember their sins no more. Hebrew 8:12





Closing Statements:

- 1) How we honor the truth as a church collectively & individually, matters to God
- 2) Our witness effects the power of the ministry of the church universal
- 3) Honor in the church sets the standards for holy living & reflects the character of God to the world
- 4) Obedience is an act of love toward God

If before today, you have struggled with accepting the Truth and/or with applying the truth:

- 1) Repent & receive His forgiveness. Receive His love. Receive His grace.
- 2) Study God's Word. Get to know His voice. The more familiar you are with the Truth, the less chance for you to fall for a lie. Be a student. We study for degrees and study subjects for years to become the best in a field. How much more energy and effort ought we put into our walk with God? Our faith?
- 3) Meditate on the GOODNESS of God in your life. Remind yourself often of WHO God is in your life. How He's saved you, transformed you, delivered you, and set You free! Be motivated to live for Him by LOVE.
- 4) Draw closer to God. Make up your heart and your mind to make spending time with Him and getting to know Him a priority for you. Value your Relationship