

# Dear God...How do I know what is true?

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## 2 Timothy 4:3-4

3 For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

## John 8:32

[Jesus said] you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

We know what is true because...

### 1. JESUS ALWAYS SPEAKS TRUTH

Jesus is recorded as saying "I tell you the truth..."  
(78 times in 4 gospels)

We know what is true because...

### 2. SATAN NEVER SPEAKS TRUTH

#### John 8:44

You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He 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.

We know what is true because...

### 3. GOD'S WORD IS TRUTH

#### 2 Tim 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

#### John 17:17

Sanctify them (the disciples) by the truth; your word is truth.

We know what is true because...

### 4. THE HOLY SPIRIT REVEALS TRUTH

#### John 16:13

"But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth."

We know what is true because...

### 5. JESUS IS TRUTH

#### John 14:6

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