

What really matters? Truth Matters

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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.

Truth matters because...

1. **WHAT WE BELIEVE LEADS TO LIFE OR DEATH**

Prov 14:12

There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

John 8:31-32

31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "*If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.*"

1 Tim 2:3-4

God our Savior, ... wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

2 Thes 2:13

... from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.

2. **SATAN IS A LIAR AND WANTS TO DESTROY YOU**

John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 8:44

[Jesus said 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.*"

Gen 3:4-5

4 "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. 5 "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

3. **JESUS IS THE 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.*"

John 1:17

For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

4. **THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH**

John 16:13

[Jesus said] "*... when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth.*"

5. **GOD'S WORD REVEALS 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

[Jesus said] "*Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.*"

2 Tim 3:15

... the holy Scriptures, ... are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.