

Living in Truth

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life,"

John 14v6

and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

(Joh 8:32)

Truth or Lies

- **But you did not learn Christ in this way, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in *the likeness of God* has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.**
- (Eph 4:20-24)

Facts or Truth

- **Facts Inform**
- **Truth Transforms**
- **Facts are learned**
- **Truth is imparted**
- **Facts come from observing the world**
- **Truth comes from being in God's presence**

Our need of wisdom

- **Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being, And in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom.**
- (Psa 51:6)
- **Make your ear attentive to wisdom, Incline your heart to understanding; For if you cry for discernment, Lift your voice for understanding; If you seek her as silver And search for her as for hidden treasures; Then you will discern the fear of the LORD And discover the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth *come* knowledge and understanding.**
- (Pro 2:2-6)

Do not partner with lies of the enemy

- Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behaviour his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.
- (Jas 3:13-18)

Areas of danger (temptation or trial)

- Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have *its* perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But he must ask in **faith without any doubting**, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, *being* a **double-minded man**, unstable in all his ways. But the brother of **humble circumstances is to glory in his high position**; and the **rich man is to glory in his humiliation**,
- Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, **he will receive the crown of life** which *the Lord* has promised to those who love Him.
- (Jas 1:2-12)