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Thursday Evening IMPACT Bible Study

“The Five Levels of Truth”- Lesson # 1 (November 03, 2022)

On this evening, I would like to fully explain, a set of comments that I make quite often. These comments are built around:

1). **John 8:32 (KJV)**- And ye shall **know** the **truth**, and the **truth** shall make you **free**.

I often say that, “**The truth don’t set you free**”. It’s **“knowing”** the truth, that has the *possibility* to set you free.

But, simply because a man or woman, may **“know”** the truth, they still may not be **“set free”**. They may not experience freedom!

Why? Because that word “know” refers to **five different levels of truth**:

Level # 1- You must **“know”** the truth.

Level # 2- You must **“understand”** the truth.

Level # 3- You must then **“believe”** the truth.

Level # 4- You must **“apply”** the truth.

Level # 5- You must finally **“stand”** on the truth.

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The Five Levels of Truth.

LEVEL # 1- You Must know the Truth

“Truth” that you do not know, cannot possibly set you free. This is ground zero. You must **“know”** something.

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FIVE STAR SENTENCE: It you are a Christian, who doesn't "know" something, it is a biblical guarantee, that you will be "destroyed".

1). Hosea 4:6a- My people are **destroyed for **lack** of **knowledge**:**

Just because a person "*knows*" or "*hears*" knowledge, does not mean that they will "**like**" or "**agree**" with what they hear. It may be true, but that doesn't mean that they "**like**" it!!

If a person doesn't "*like*" what they hear, that may "**reject**" it.

2). Hosea 4:6b- because thou hast **rejected knowledge, I will also **reject** thee,**

This means that if you tell a person the truth, they do have a "**choice**";... they can *like* it and possibly *agree* with it, or they can "**reject**" it.

So, "*having*" truth don't really mean very much,...it's what you "*do*" with truth, that makes a difference! A whole lot of people, who do not like the "**truth**"!!!

3). John 3:19-20- ¹⁹ And this is the condemnation, that **light is come into the world, and men **loved darkness** rather than **light**, because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For every one that doeth evil **hateth** the **light**, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd.**

So, every man or woman, is given two options:

OPTION # 1- You can *believe* the **truth**.

1). Psalm 119:105- Thy *word* is a **lamp** unto my feet, and a **light** unto my path.

OPTION # 2- You can *believe* a **lie**.

******* Every Bible student must know the *origin* of lying. Who was it that gave birth to the very first lie? And who is it that currently keeps lies going? **Answer:** The devil and his demons.

a). Genesis 3:1-7- Now the **serpent** was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

² And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

³ But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

⁴ And the serpent said unto the woman, **Ye shall not surely die:**

⁵ For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

⁶ And when the woman **saw** that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and **did eat**, and gave also unto her husband with her; and **he did eat**.

⁷ And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

This is where the very first lie had its origin.

b). John 8:44- Ye are of your father the **devil**, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer ***from the beginning***, and abode **not** in the **truth**, because there is **no truth** in him. When he speaketh a **lie**, he speaketh of his **own**: for he is a **liar**, and the **father** of it.

c). II Thessalonians 2:11-12- ¹¹ And for this cause God shall send them **strong delusion**, that they should **believe a lie**: ¹² That they all might be damned who **believed not the truth**, but had **pleasure** in unrighteousness.

You must understand what is meant by a "strong delusion". It is what the Bible calls a "lying spirit".

d). I Kings 22:20-23- ²⁰ And the LORD said, **Who** shall **persuade** Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner.

²¹ And there came forth a **spirit**, and stood before the LORD, and said, **I will persuade him**.

²² And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a **lying spirit** in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt **persuade** him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.

