

Are you a spiritual person? Series (4)

Truth for Life, Genesis 3:1-7; John 16:13

The serpent began with a question: *Did God really say...* Satan is a deceiver. He uses deception. He plants a seed of doubt.

A biblical distinction: **God is the Father of Truth** and **Satan is the Father of Lies**.

Satan comes to steal, kill and destroy, but I have come that you might have life, and have it abundantly.
John 10:10 Satan steals the truth of God and exchanges it for a lie.

God, The Father of Truth

If you love God and want to keep his commandments you will need a Helper. John 14:17, John 15:26, and John 16:13 tell us that HELPER is the **Spirit of Truth**.

When the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth... **John 16:13a**.

Every believer must become dependent on the *Spirit of Truth*. Ships crossed oceans using the fixed position of stars to navigate. Truth is a fixed spiritual reality.

In Greek, the word for truth is **Alethea**: *Something that can be depended upon or something trustworthy, reliable, and true*. The Holy Spirit is trustworthy. The Holy Spirit can navigate your life.

Truth is always true, in every circumstance, situation, and culture. You can't redefine marriage and call it truth. You can't move the goalposts.

The opposite: Satan, The Father of Lies. The Devil. The Deceiver. The Prince of this World.

*You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the **truth**, because there is no **truth** in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.* **John 8:44**

When Pilate asked Jesus if He was a King: Jesus said... *I have come into this world to bear witness to the **truth**. Everyone who is of the **truth** listens to my voice.*

You can be an expert on dieting and never lose a pound. Diets require you to live them. Truth is a lived reality. We need discipline, accountability, and humility to walk in the truth.

Knowledge alone is not enough. We must live the truth, being guided by the Spirit of TRUTH. Believe it and prioritize it. Allow it to shape your Faith, Character, Work Ethic, and Relationships.

William Tyndale lived in England and translated the Bible into English. The Church and government resisted him. He was burned at the stake so people like us could read the Bible.

He believed the Truth would set you free. He gave his life for the truth. Truth should be our highest value.

Is your life characterized as being guided by the Spirit of Truth?

Change my heart O God, make it ever TRUE. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.