
HOW TO HAVE A TRUTHFUL LIFE

Ephesians 4:15

INTRODUCTION

“Nothing in the world is more valuable than the truth. The local church is the ‘pillar and ground of the truth’ (I Timothy 3:15). We embrace the truth. We are not afraid of the truth. Our commitment to the true God and His Word guarantees that our faith is going to be strengthened by the truth. Therefore, I desire to know the truth and to walk in the truth.”
--Dr. Clarence Sexton

I. WHAT DOES THE WORD “TRUTHFUL” MEAN?

- A. “Consistently telling the _____; honest.”
--American Heritage Dictionary
- B. Biblically, the word refers to what is _____ and real; the _____ state of facts or things:
1. _____ is truth – Deuteronomy 32:3,4; Psalm 86:15
 - He cannot _____ – Titus 1:2
 2. God’s _____ is truth – I Kings 17:24; Psalm 119:142,151,160; John 17:17
 3. Satan is a _____ – John 8:44; I John 2:21,22

II. WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT A TRUTHFUL LIFE?

- A. A truthful life lives for _____ because He is truth – John 1:14,17; 14:6
- We are _____ through the truth of the _____ – Colossians 1:5,6; II Thessalonians 2:12,13; I Timothy 2:4
- B. A truthful life is one _____ with the Holy Spirit – John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13
- C. A truthful life _____ God in truth – Joshua 24:14; I Samuel 12:23,24; Psalm 33:4; II Timothy 2:15
- D. A truthful life _____ in truth – John 4:23,24
- E. A truthful life _____ with truth – Psalm 145:18; Daniel 9:13

III. WHAT STEPS CAN WE TAKE TO PURSUE AND PRACTICE A TRUTHFUL LIFE?

- A. As _____ (and grandparents), make known _____ truth –
Isaiah 38:19
- B. Determine to _____ truth in _____ – Ephesians 4:15,25
- C. Decide to _____ in God's truth every _____ – Psalm 26:3; 86:11
- D. _____ in God's truth – I Corinthians 13:6

"If I could, by telling one lie, put out the flames of hell, I would not do it."

--Charles Spurgeon