

# THE BIBLE WORD SERIES

*A Brief Study of those Important Words found in the Bible that we need to understand, not just skip over.*

## TRUTH

**What is the definition of "truth". Here is what the world says:**

- a. "A fact or belief that is proven true." *(How is the "proving" being done?)*
- b. "Reality" = Everything that is true. *(Who is deciding what is true?)*
- c. "Fact" = "A part of the reality is true". *(Who is deciding what reality is?)*

**What do religious people say?**

- a. "Truth" is a person, not a concept; it means "certainty & stability".
- b. "You cannot know the truth until you meet Jesus Christ."

1. How would you define "truth"? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Has your definition of "truth" worked for you? Explain.  
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**What does the Bible say?**

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| <i>John 14:6</i>      | <i>Jesus said to Thomas, "I am the way, the TRUTH, and the life. No one can approach the Father except through Me".</i>  |
| <i>John 1:14</i>      | <i>And the Word (Jesus) became flesh and lived among us, and we saw His power &amp; majesty (glory) with our own eyes - that same power &amp; majesty (glory) that could only come from the TRUE God.</i>  |
| <i>John 5:32-33</i>   | <i>There is another than Me (John the Baptizer) who tells you who I am; what John says about Me is absolutely TRUE.</i>  |
| <i>Proverbs 12:19</i> | <i>But the tongue of the wise promotes health. The TRUTH from the lips will be forever.</i>  |
| <i>John 4:23-24</i>   | <i>Jesus said to the woman at the well, "The time is coming, and is already here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father is seeking that kind of worshipper. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit &amp; in TRUTH.</i> |
| <i>John 14:17</i>     | <i>(Jesus talking about the Holy Spirit) ...."THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH ..."</i>   |
| <i>John 15:26</i>     | <i>But when the Helper (Comforter or Holy Spirit) comes, whom I (Jesus) shall send to you from the Father, THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me.</i>   |
| <i>John 16:13</i>     | <i>Jesus said, "When He, THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, has come, He will guide you in all TRUTH."</i>   |

3. Answer the questions from the verses above.
  - a. Jn. 14:6 Is there any doubt Who TRUTH is? \_\_Yes \_\_No
  - b. Jn. 1:14 Do you think that eyewitnesses (Peter, John) have validity? \_\_Yes \_\_No
  - c. Jn. 5 Even in a court of law today, the prosecution and the defense will call additional witnesses. Could not John be a valid witness? \_\_Yes \_\_No
  - d. Prov. 12 How long is this TRUTH going to last? \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Jn. 4 If God is TRUTH, than, what is the only way that a sinful man could approach a holy God? \_\_ With Works? \_\_ In Truth? \_\_ With Religion?
  - f. Jn. 14 "The Spirit of \_\_\_\_\_" (Also, The Father of TRUTH and the Son of TRUTH)
  - g. Jn. 15 "The Spirit of TRUTH who proceeds from the \_\_\_\_\_."
  - h. Jn. 16 "The Spirit of TRUTH will guide us into all \_\_\_\_\_."

What does the devil say? (Jesus said it. The devil certainly would not admit to it.)

John 8:44	I (the devil) was a murderer from the beginning.
John 8:44	I (the devil) do not stand in the TRUTH.
John 8:44	There is no TRUTH in me (the devil).
John 8:44	When I (the devil) speak a lie, I speak from the depths of my true being.
John 8:44	I (the devil) am a liar and the father of all lies & liars.
Genesis 3:1	"You shall not eat ....?" (God does not know what He is talking about.)
Genesis 3:4	"You shall not die. (God is a liar.)
Genesis 3:5	"For God knows .... (God is afraid He will lose His power over you.)

4. Answer the questions from the verses above.
- a. Would someone who instigates murder be a good source for truth? \_\_Yes \_\_No
  - b. Jn. 8 "The devil does not stand in the \_\_\_\_\_."
  - c. Jn. 8 "There is no \_\_\_\_\_ in me."
  - d. Jn. 8 The devil speaks lies from where? \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Jn. 8 The devil is the father of all \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - f. Gen. 3 Are we going to seek truth from a liar who thinks that our God of all TRUTH is going senile? \_\_Yes \_\_No
  - g. Gen. 3 Are we going to seek truth from a liar who knows beyond the shadow of a doubt that God is not a liar but still calls Him a liar? \_\_Yes \_\_No
  - h. Gen. 3 Would you agree that there is no truth in someone (the devil) who is afraid he will lose his power, yet accuses God of that? \_\_Yes \_\_No

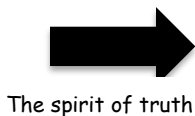
Here are common views of "Truth". (With the help of the devil)

- OBSERVABLE TRUTH** (What you can see in the universe)
- POPULAR TRUTH** (What humanity in general agrees upon)
- INDIVIDUAL TRUTH** (What pertains to my personal life & environment)
- CONVENIENT TRUTH** (What I choose to focus on in the middle of the many world issues)

Here are view of "Truth" I like. (With the help of the God)

- ABSOLUTE TRUTH** (Who God is & how God controls everything)

5. How does God use "truth" in our lives? Match the verses & statements.
- a. Prov. 3:3 \_\_\_\_\_ The "truth" from God keeps us **free**.
  - b. Prov. 8:7 \_\_\_\_\_ The "truth" from God **protects** our leaders.
  - c. Prov. 14:22 \_\_\_\_\_ The "truth" from God **separates** us from sin.
  - d. Prov. 20:28 \_\_\_\_\_ The "truth" from God gives us **favor** & esteem.
  - e. John 3:21 \_\_\_\_\_ The "truth" from God motivates us to **do good**.
  - f. John 8:32 \_\_\_\_\_ The "truth" from God keeps us living in the **light**.
  - g. John 17:17 \_\_\_\_\_ The "truth" from God **pushes away** the crooked/perverse.



Notice 1 John 4:6. (The Apostle John told the believers in this letter) "We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error."

**BEWARE! THE DEVIL IS NOT GOING TO SIT BY AND LET "TRUTH" WIN.**

6. How does the devil attack the truth in our lives? (Is this what Satan would say to you?)



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| a. Prov. 3:3   | The "error" from Satan never wants us free.          | ___Yes ___No |
| b. Prov. 3:3   | "Your Christian life will never satisfy you, fool."  | ___Yes ___No |
| c. Prov. 3:3   | The devil does not care if you obey God or not.      | ___Yes ___No |
| d. Prov. 8:7   | The "error" from Satan wants our leaders corrupt.    | ___Yes ___No |
| e. Prov. 8:7   | You know, fool, that no leader is ever any good.     | ___Yes ___No |
| f. Prov. 8:7   | I have nothing to do with what leaders do.           | ___Yes ___No |
| g. Prov. 14:22 | The "error" from Satan wants us deep in sin.         | ___Yes ___No |
| h. Prov. 14:22 | Go ahead and sin; you can control how far you go.    | ___Yes ___No |
| i. Prov. 14:22 | What fool told you sin was bad? Have some fun.       | ___Yes ___No |
| j. Prov. 20:28 | The "error" from Satan says you are worthless.       | ___Yes ___No |
| k. Prov. 20:28 | "You are a sinner. You will always be mine."         | ___Yes ___No |
| l. Prov. 20:28 | Satan wants you to like yourself & to succeed.       | ___Yes ___No |
| m. John 3:21   | The "error" from Satan says you are totally good.    | ___Yes ___No |
| n. John 3:21   | "God said all creation was good; enjoy your life."   | ___Yes ___No |
| o. John 3:21   | Satan wants you to humbly help others.               | ___Yes ___No |
| p. John 8:32   | The "error" from Satan wants you in deep darkness    | ___Yes ___No |
| q. John 8:32   | The only light in life is what YOU make of your life | ___Yes ___No |
| r. John 8:32   | Read it. The light from God's Word won't hurt you.   | ___Yes ___No |
| s. John 17:17  | The "error" from Satan wants evil around you.        | ___Yes ___No |
| t. John 17:17  | "Unbelievers can have fellowship too."               | ___Yes ___No |
| u. John 17:17  | "If people are really bad, stay away from them."     | ___Yes ___No |

***There are some sick statements here. No surprise!! Satan is a sick monster.***

**WHERE DO WE FIND THIS TRUTH?**

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| a. Step #1 | Accept Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. | (Source of truth)     |
| b. Step #2 | Hang around other believers immediately.     | (Fellowship in truth) |
| c. Step #3 | Read the Bible every day.                    | (Word of truth)       |
| d. Step #4 | Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you each day.    | (Teacher of truth)    |

**HOW TO USE THE TRUTH? (Truth = doing things God's way = the right way)**

7. What should we do with the "Truth"? Match verse with statement.

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| a. 1 John 1:6  | ___ Walk in the truth   | (Everywhere I walk, my life still shows true living.) |
| b. 1 John 1:9  | ___ Know the truth      | (John saw Jesus; I see Jesus; there is no doubt.)     |
| c. 1 John 2:4  | ___ Practice the truth  | (Everywhere I walk, my life still shows true living.) |
| d. 1 John 2:21 | ___ Share the truth     | (I am a witness; my changed life is my evidence.)     |
| e. 1 John 3:18 | ___ Obey the truth      | (I guard my life against any loss of blessing.)       |
| f. 2 John 1    | ___ Love with the truth | (Love others with all the love you possess.)          |
| g. 2 John 4    | ___ Confess the truth   | (Acknowledge the sins you know are there.)            |
| h. 3 John 3    | ___ Speak the truth     | (With my language I speak what I am truly living.)    |

***Philippians 4:13 I can handle whatever God allows & expects through the strength & courage that Christ provides.***