

Title: Become a Lover of the Truth
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A. Deception and Lies

The last days:

I Timothy 4:1-3

¹ But the Spirit expressly says that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and teachings of demons, ² speaking lies in hypocrisy, being seared in *their* own conscience, ³ forbidding to marry, *saying* to abstain from foods which God has created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

Matthew 24:4, 11-14, 23-24

I John 4:1-6

B. Self-deception

Not a doer of the Word:

James 1:22

²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

I John 1:8

⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Galatians 3:1

C. A Lover of the Truth

II Thessalonians 2:8-10

⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the breath of His mouth and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming, ⁹ whose coming is according to the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, ¹⁰ and with all deceit of unrighteousness in those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, so that they might be saved.

II Corinthians 4:4

D. What is truth?

Being true, sincere, honest, real, correct, accurate or factually established - *Webster's Dictionary*

John 1:14, 17

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh, and tabernacled among us. And we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of *the* Father, full of grace and of truth.

¹⁷ For the Law came through Moses, *but* grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

John 4:23-24

²³ But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such to worship Him. ²⁴ God *is* a spirit, and they who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth.

John 14:6

⁶ Jesus said to him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father but by Me.

1. In the inner parts

Psalm 51:6

⁶ Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts; and in the hidden *part* You shall make me to know wisdom.

2. Truth through the Word

John 8:31-32

³¹ Then Jesus said to the Jews who believed on Him, If you continue in My Word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 17:17

¹⁷ Sanctify them through Your truth. Your Word is truth.

II Timothy 2:15

¹⁵ Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

3. The Spirit of Truth

John 14:17

¹⁷ the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see Him nor know Him. But you know Him, for He dwells with you and shall be in you.

John 16:13

¹³ However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

4. The belt of truth

Ephesians 6:14

¹⁴ Therefore stand, having your loins girded about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness

- lust of the eyes
- lust of the flesh
- pride of life

5. Foundation of Truth

I Timothy 3:15

¹⁵ But if I should delay, that you may know how you ought to behave in the house of God, which is *the* church of the living God, *the* pillar and foundation of the truth.

Speak the truth in love

Ephesians 4:15

¹⁵ But that you, speaking the truth in love, may in all things grow up to Him who is the Head, *even* Christ;