



**Introduction:** We live in a day in which there is not black (false) and white (true). Most everything is evaluated on some shade of gray.

**I. What You \_\_\_\_\_ Determines How You \_\_\_\_\_**

- A) Relationally, materially, morally and ultimately spiritually
- B) It affects your behavior not just consciously but, subconsciously.

**II. The \_\_\_\_\_ and Maintenance of Truth**

- A) God (Exodus 34:6; Deut. 32:4)
- B) Jesus speaks the truth (John 8:26-29).
- C) The Spirit reveals it (John 14:16-17; 15:26-27; 16:12-15; 17:17).
- D) The church – the pillar and support (1 Tim. 3:14-15; 2 Tim. 3:16-17).

**III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Truth**

- A) The father of lies (John 8:44).
  - 1. Satan tells things that look true, feels true, seems true, etc.
  - 2. They are things that are “True-ish” (2 Cor. 11:14-15; Gen. 3:4).
  - 3. Satan wants you to exchange the truth of God for a lie (Rom. 1:18, 22, 25).
  - 4. “True-ish” – Looks true, sounds true, feels true
- B) Two of Satan’s greatest weapons
  - 1. \_\_\_\_\_ –there is no such thing as absolute truth.
  - 2. \_\_\_\_\_ – I, the subject, have the right to determine what is right and wrong without submitting my judgment to any authority outside myself.

**IV. Responses to Truth**

- A) Response of the \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. Disbelief (John 18:36-38; 2 Thess. 2:10-12).
  - 2. Disobedience (Rom. 2:5-11; 2 Tim. 4:3-4; James 5:19-20).
  - 3. Distortion (Rom. 1:18-25; Gal. 5:1-7; 1 Tim. 6:3-5; 2 Tim. 2:16-18; 2Tim. 3:6-9; Titus 1:10-14).
  - 4. Duplicity (Rom. 2:17-24; Gal. 2:11-14; 1 John 1:6-10; 2:3-6).
- B) Response of the \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. Knowledge (John 8:31-32; 1 Tim. 2:3-4; 1 John 2:20-21).
  - 2. Obedience (Eph. 1:13-14; Col. 1:3-8; 1 Pet. 1:22-23).
  - 3. Practice
  - 4. Proclamation (Acts 26:24-28; 2 Cor. 4:1-2; Gal. 2:1-5; Eph. 6:13-17; 2 Tim. 2:14-15, 24-26).

**V. What Is Truth?**

- A) Truth is NOT just a \_\_\_\_\_ but a \_\_\_\_\_ (John 14:6; John 1:1-2, 14)
- B) Jesus—THE TRUTH—can set you free (John 8:32, 36)

**Conclusion:** Have you been sanctified in truth (John 17:19)? Have you been begotten in truth (James 1:18)? Are you being established in truth (2 Pet. 1:12)?

“Therefore Pilate entered again into the Praetorium, and summoned Jesus and said to Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Are you saying this on your own initiative, or did others tell you about Me?” Pilate answered, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests delivered You to me; what have You done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm.” Therefore Pilate said to Him, “So You are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.” Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?” And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews and said to them, “I find no guilt in Him.”” (John 18:33-38)