

More Advice for the Young

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Well, I wish I could say that this article is in response to the rousing demand for more after last week's article, but I cannot. But there may be one or more young persons, or not so young persons, who are actually reading these columns. So here we go again.

Advice #2: Be A Truth-Seeker!

Honestly, I cannot remember *where* or *from whom* I learned this bit of wisdom. But I am certain that I learned it while going to church, and probably from my father's sermons. He was a truth-seeker, and encouraged everyone else to be one, too.

Now, you would think that *everyone* is a truth seeker, but that is not the case. Some people are not much interested in the truth. They may be more interested in money, or in getting ahead, or in getting around the truth. But they do not have a conscience that diligently seeks the truth.

While Pilate questioned Jesus about the nature of His kingship and kingdom, Jesus replied: "...*You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice*" (Jn. 18:37).

Since everyone is **not** a Christian, I must conclude that not everyone is a truth seeker. The *harsh reality* is that some men are even **truth suppressors!** "*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who **suppress the truth in unrighteousness***" (Rom. 1:18). The unrighteous are not interested in truth, they are interested in getting their way. Young people, that is a very dangerous spirit. Flee from it! Do not be tempted to be like that.

Those who are *self-justifiers* pervert the truth in order to make themselves seem to be good when they are not. They create their own "reality." The practice is addictive, so I advise you **not** to start.

The truth has a way of annoying you from time to time, but it is the *spiritual light* given to you by God by which you can direct your life's steps. Once you begin to let it *grow dim*, your pathway will become more difficult, John 1:4-5.

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