



"And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also." 1 John 4: 21

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Heart to Heart...

As Jesus stood before Pilate, He was asked, "*What is truth?*" (John 18:38) Pilate wasn't interested in truth. Paul spoke that the truth is in Jesus (Ephesians 4:21). One must concern themselves with the truth and that truth is in Jesus, there is only one direction to seek.

Solomon taught: "***Do not let kindness and truth leave you; bind them around your neck and write them on the tablet of your heart.***" (Proverbs 3:3) It seems to be getting more difficult to get people to seek truth from the Lord. Ears are too tuned in on what some 'professional' says or other sources of friends and writings. To some, they like to hear lessons on the latest that's interesting and "*in accordance with their own desires.*" (II Timothy 4:3)

"*I'm speaking my truth.*" "*You need to find and live your truth!*" *Whatever feels true to you!*" These statements are made in one way or another all around us, as if truth were relative and subjective. But this is the very heart of the nature of falsehood to take one away from the truth from the Lord. It's a road further from the Lord.

Truth is not an individual decision each makes based on one's personal preference, or a current thought or opinion, or based on the latest science or views of some famous athlete or musician. Truth, the truth of the Lord, is absolute (not relative) and unchangeable (like making things more modern to fit our day and time.) Truth is 'objective' rather than 'subjective'. In other words, the truth is found outside oneself rather than coming from within the mind of ourselves or another individual.

Jesus prayed to God that His truth is sanctifying and is found nowhere else but His word (John 17:17). When we neglect to seek truth from Jesus or God, we are setting ourselves up to believe a lie. God is a God of truth and Jesus came to establish the truth through God's word. To be bereft of truth is to be saddled with corruption and eventually destroyed by believing in error. We need to heed: "***Buy truth, and do not sell it, get wisdom and instruction and understanding.***" (Proverbs 23:23) Think about it!!!

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