

## **LIVE IN TRUTH!**

Based on the command of Christ #8 – “Keep Your Word”.

Matthew 5:33-37

33 “Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’

34 But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne;

35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King

36 And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black.

37 All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

Ex. 20:16 - "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

Pr. 18:21 - The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Pr. 15:4 - The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life, but a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.

James 3:7-8 - All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

Ps. 34:13 - keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies.

Rev. 21:8 - But the cowardly (di-los – will not stand for truth, faithless), the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars--their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

Rom. 12:9 - Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

Proverbs 25:18 - "Like a club and a sword and a sharp arrow is a man who bears false witness against his neighbor."

Proverbs 22:1 - A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.

### *1. Slander*

### *2. Lying*

91 percent of Americans lie routinely about matters they consider trivial

36 percent lie about what they consider important matters

86 percent lie regularly to parents

35 percent lie to their employers about being sick

75 percent lie to friends

73 percent lie to siblings

69 percent lie to spouses

Mt. 12:36 – “But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken.”

### *3. Tale-bearing*

Pr. 17:4 - A wicked man listens to evil lips; a liar pays attention to a malicious tongue.

Proverbs 17:9 - He who covers over an offense promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.

### *4. Insinuation*

### *5. Exaggeration*

### *6. Silence*

Jn.8:42-44

42. Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me.

43. Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say.

44. You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Jn. 18:35-38

35. "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"

36. Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place."

37. "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

38. "What is truth?" Pilate asked. With this he went out again to the Jews and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him."

Where does truth originate from?

Jn. 14:6 - Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Mt. 5:13-19

13. "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men."

14. "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden."

15. "Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house."

16. "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

17. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them."

18. "I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished."

19. "Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

Jn. 3:1-3

1. Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council.

2. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him."

3. In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again. "

Jn, 8:31-32

31. To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.

32. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Jn. 14:11-17

11. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves.

12. I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

13. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father.

14. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

15. "If you love me, you will obey what I command.

16. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever--

17. the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

Rom. 1:18-20

18. The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness,

19. since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.

20. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

Rom. 2:6-8

6. God "will give to each person according to what he has done."

7. To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life.

8. But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger.

2Thess. 2:9-17

9. The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders,

10. and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

11. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie

12. and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.

13. But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.

14. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15. So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

16. May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope,

17. encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.