

Proverbs 23:23

3 Instructions About God's Timeless Truth



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Truth today -

Background/Context

- Proverbs is a collection of wisdom sayings that share practical steps for living life as God would have us live it
- Author: (Proverbs compiled over several centuries; 970 to 699 BC) Writers: Solomon, Lemuel, Agur, Moses and Scribes in King Hezekiah's court
- This section most probably by Solomon and listed as "Sayings of the Wise"

Possessing Truth Despite Its Cost

- (v. 23a) Author relates God's truth to everyday life; uses language of the marketplace to convey meaning
- “truth” – this God's eternal truth that includes both physical and spiritual; that which corresponds to His nature
- “Buy” – to invest greatly in, to diligently seek and strive for
- Truth is valuable and is worth every effort to obtain

- John 17:17, “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.”
- John 14:6, “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life.’ ‘No one comes to the Father except through Me.’”



Protecting Truth Despite Its Enemies

- (v. 23b) God's truth is to be personally and collectively protected and guarded
- “sell” – to lose, barter/trade for, let go, not see the value in
- Author; be very careful, truth can be compromised, diluted, and misused
- Truth oftentimes is not popular and there many who will try to change or destroy it

- 2 Tim. 2:15, “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”
- Eph. 4:15, “...but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—”



Propelling Truth Despite The Pressures Of Everyday Life

- (v. 23c) Author; Truth has some amazing companions that also help navigate real life
- “Wisdom” – truth applied; knowing right and having the power to live it out
- “Instruction” – truth received; willingness to be taught and vulnerable in attitude
- “Understanding” – truth internalized; perceiving God and His ways in everyday life

- 3 John 1:4, “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.”
- John 8:32, “You shall know the truth and the truth will set you free.”



- “There are only two possibilities as to how life arose: One is spontaneous generation – a rising evolution. The other is a supernatural act of God. There is no third possibility. Spontaneous generation was scientifically disproved 120 years ago by Pasteur and others. This leaves us with only one logical conclusion – that life arose as a supernatural act. I will not accept that – philosophically, because I DO NOT WANT TO BELIEVE IN GOD. Therefore, I choose to believe that which I know is scientifically impossible.”
- --Dr. George Wahl, former Harvard Professor and Nobel Prize winner in Biology