

TRUTH AND WISDOM

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1 John 4:18 (NLT) (18) Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love.

Three Biblical Truths:

1) We should choose to _____ as our ultimate source of truth.

John 8:31–32 (NLT) (31) Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. (32) And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

TRUTH MATTERS!

Reasons we can trust the Bible:

a) The Bible has been _____.

b) The Bible has stood the _____.

c) The Bible's _____ despite having multiple human authors who authored the Bible over a 1,500 year span of time.

d) The Bible has the _____.

e) The _____ proves the Bible is trustworthy.

Hebrews 13:8 (NLT) (8) Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

2) Biblical truth help us _____.

Philippians 4:6–8 (NLT) (6) Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. (7) Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

(8) And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

FEAR AND ANXIETY GROW WHEN WE BELIEVE LIES.

Mark 4:35–40 (NLT) (35) As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, “Let’s cross to the other side of the lake.” (36) So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed). (37) But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water. (38) Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, “Teacher, don’t you care that we’re going to drown?” (39) When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Silence! Be still!” Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. (40) Then he asked them, “Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?”

FEAR AND ANXIETY LOSES ITS POWER WHEN WE ACTIVELY REPLACE LIES WITH BIBLICAL TRUTH.

3) We need to be _____ to others.

Ephesians 4:15 (NLT) (15) Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.

“TRUTH WITHOUT LOVE IS BRUTALITY. LOVE WITHOUT FEAR IS SENTIMENTALITY. BUT TRUTH SPOKEN IN LOVE—THAT’S TRANSFORMATION.” - Author Unknown

Colossians 4:6 (NLT) (6) Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.

HOW DO YOU COME ACROSS WHEN YOU SPEAK THE TRUTH TO OTHERS?

THE WORLD DOESN'T NEED MORE ANGRY CHRISTIANS YELLING AT THEM!

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