

# DO WE LOVE THE TRUTH?

2Th 2:10

- **STUDY** IT
- **OBEY** IT
- **HATE** ITS OPPOSITE
- **CONTEND** FOR IT
- **TEACH** IT

It is an accurate statement that,

- **SALVATION** depends on **LOVING** the **TRUTH** of God's Word.

[2Thess.2:10](#) mentions those that,

- "...received **NOT** the **love of the Truth**, that they might be saved."
- "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the **WORDS** that I speak unto you, they are **SPIRIT**, and they are **LIFE**." ([Jn.6:63](#))

Simon Peter said,

- "**Lord**, to whom shall we go? **THOU** hast the **WORDS** of eternal LIFE." ([Jn.6:68](#))

### **Do we love that truth?**

If so, many manifestations of that love, will be seen in our lives, which may require radical changes.

If we love the Truth, we will,

## **I. Eagerly Read and Study It**

- The Bible says, "These were more noble, than those in Thessa-lo-nica, in that they **RECEIVED** the Word, with all **READINESS** of mind, and **SEARCHED** the scriptures **DAILY**, whether those things were so." ([Acts 17:11](#))

While eagerly reading and studying God's Truth, we should be willing to,

### **A. Give It A Fair Hearing, With No Prejudice.**

- Paul said, "For I am **NOT ASHAMED** of the **GOSPEL** of Christ: for it is the **POWER** of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.  
<sup>17</sup> For therein (that is, the gospel of christ) is the righteousness of God, revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith." ([Rom.1:16-17](#))
- "and ye shall **know the truth**, and the truth shall make you free." (reads [Jn.8:32](#))

Our eager reading and studying of God's Truth, should include a,

### **B. Tireless Investigation.**

- "The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the Lord: but He **LOVETH** Him, that followeth after **RIGHTEOUSNESS**." ([Prov.15:9](#))
- "A wise man will **HEAR**, and will **INCREASE** learning; and a man of understanding, shall attain unto wise counsels:" ([Prov.1:5](#))
- "My son, **IF** thou wilt **RECEIVE** My Words, and hide My commandments with thee;

<sup>2</sup> so that thou incline thine ear unto **WISDOM**, and apply thine heart to **UNDERSTANDING**;

<sup>3</sup> yea, **IF** thou criest after **KNOWLEDGE**, and liftest up thy voice for **UNDERSTANDING**;

<sup>4</sup> **IF** thou **SEEKEST** her, **AS** silver, and **SEARCHEST** for her, **AS** for hid treasures;

<sup>5</sup> **THEN** shalt thou understand the **FEAR** of the Lord, and find the **KNOWLEDGE** of God." ([Prov.2:1-5](#))

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### C. With Persistent Starvation Pangs.

- “**BLESSED** are they which do **HUNGER** and **THIRST** after Righteousness: for they, shall be **FILLED**.” ([Matt.5:6](#))
- “Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.  
<sup>2</sup> But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night.” ([Psa.1:1-2](#))

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### D. Seeking it Carefully, and Using Available Helps.

- Paul said, “The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring *with thee*, and **the books, but especially the parchments**.” ([2Tim.4:13](#))

### E. Our Lives Then, Will Reflect Our Love and Study,

...By Becoming a Christian, because the Bible says,

- “IF any man be **IN** Christ, he is a **NEW** creature:” ([2Cor.5:17a](#))
- “For as many of you, as have been baptized **INTO** Christ, have put **ON** Christ.” ([Gal.3:27](#))
- “And the **Lord ADDED** to the church daily, such **AS** should be **SAVED**.” ([Acts 2:47b](#))

**Our Love and Study will be reflected, by our Living in harmony with the Word, As**

- “old things are passed away; behold, all things are become **NEW**.” ([2Cor.5:17b](#))
- “As He which hath called you is Holy, so be ye holy, in all manner of conversation (or manner of living);  
<sup>16</sup> because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am Holy.” ([1Pet.1:15-16](#))

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## II. Lovingly Obey It, Without Question

- “God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have **OBEYED** from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. <sup>18</sup> Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.” (reads [Rom.6:17-18](#))

### A. Walk Submissively in the Precepts of Truth.

- “IF ye **LOVE** Me, **KEEP** My commandments.” (Jesus said in [Jn.14:15](#))

**How Can We Love It, and NOT Do What It Says?**

- Jesus said, “why call ye Me, Lord, Lord, and do **NOT** the things which I say?” ([Lk.6:46](#))

We need to make sure we are not guilty of having a weak sentiment, or lip service, to God’s Truth.

- “This people draweth nigh unto Me with their mouth, and honoureth Me with their lips; but their heart is far from Me.” (Jesus said in [Matt.15:8](#))

### B. We Need To Regard Its Silence, and Restrictions.

- As the Bible says, “whatsoever ye **DO** in **WORD** (that is, teaching) or **DEED** (that is, practice), do all in the **NAME** of the Lord Jesus (that is, by His authority), giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.” ([Col.3:17](#))
- “Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth **NOT** in the doctrine (or teaching) of Christ, hath **NOT** God. He that abideth **IN** the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.” ([2Jn.vs.9](#))

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### III. Intensely Hate the Opposite of Truth, which is Error

- The Bible says, “Through Thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I **HATE every false way.**” ([Psa.119:104](#))
- “...I love Thy commandments **ABOVE** gold; yea, **ABOVE** fine gold. <sup>128</sup> Therefore I **ESTEEM** all Thy precepts, concerning all things, to be **RIGHT**; and I **HATE every false way.**” ([Psa.119:127-128](#))

The **HATING** of error, is a **DETERRENT** to unfaithfulness, and separation from God ([Isa.59:1-2](#))

#### A. Truth is OF God, and only It, Will Save.

- “For the law was given by Moses, but Grace and Truth came **BY** Jesus Christ.” ([Jn.1:17](#))
- “**SANCTIFY** them through Thy Truth: Thy Word **IS** Truth.” (Jesus prayed to the Father, [Jn.17:17](#))
- “ye shall **KNOW** the Truth, and the Truth shall **MAKE** you **FREE.**” ([Jn.8:32](#))

#### B. But Error is of Satan, while Pretending to be From God; And will Condemn.

- [2Thess.2:10-12](#) reads, “with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

<sup>11</sup> And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a **LIE**:  
<sup>12</sup> that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”

Jesus said to like-minded individuals,

- That, “Ye are **OF** your father the devil, and the **lusts OF** your father ye will **DO.** He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is **no truth in him.** When he speaketh a lie, **he speaketh of his own**: for he is a liar, and the father of it.” ([Jn.8:44](#))
- “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but **try the spirits whether they are of God**: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.” ([1Jn.4:1](#))

**Error must be opposed, and so, we must willingly expose that which is, the opposite of Truth,**  
...decisively, and in no uncertain terms.

- Peter said, “Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.  
<sup>21</sup> Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for **thy heart is not right in the sight of God.**  
<sup>22</sup> **Repent** therefore of this thy wickedness, and **pray** God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.  
<sup>23</sup> For I perceive that thou art in the **gall of bitterness**, and in the **bond of iniquity.**  
<sup>24</sup> Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken, come upon me.” ([Acts 8:20-24](#))
- Paul said, “when Peter was come to Antioch, I **withstood him to the face**, because he was to be blamed.” ([Gal.2:11](#))

Read also [Acts 15:1-24](#).

#### **Not Rude or Insulting, but Warn, and Rescue the Lost.**

- “some have **COMPASSION**, making a difference: <sup>23</sup> and others **SAVE** with fear, **PULLING** them out of the fire; **HATING** even the garment spotted by the flesh.” ([Jude vs.22-23](#))

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#### IV. Quickly Contend For It, and Defend It.

- “Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was **NEEDFUL** for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should **earnestly CONTEND for the faith** which was once delivered unto the saints.” ([Jude vs.3](#))
- Paul said, “of love, knowing that I am **SET for the DEFENCE of the gospel.**” ([Phil.1:17](#))

A. Not stand idly and quietly by, while it is distorted, twisted, corrupted, misrepresented, and condemned.

B. But Rather, speak out.

- The Bible says, “when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Bar-jesus: <sup>7</sup> which was **WITH** the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God.

<sup>8</sup> But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.

<sup>9</sup> Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Spirit, **SET his eyes on him,** <sup>10</sup> and **SAID,** O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?” ([Acts 13:6-10](#))

- “We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I **SPOKEN;** we also believe, and therefore **SPEAK;**” ([2Cor.4:13](#))

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#### V. Faithfully Teach It, At Every Opportunity.

- Paul told Timothy, “the **things that thou hast heard of me** among many witnesses, the same **commit thou to faithful men,** who shall be **able to teach others also.**” ([2Tim.2:2](#))

A. ...and Know that it is God's power.

- Paul said, “For I am **NOT** ashamed of the **GOSPEL** of Christ: for it **is the POWER** of God unto **SALVATION** to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.” ([Rom.1:16](#))
- “Of His own will begat He us, with the Word of Truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.” ([Jms.1:18](#))
- “Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and **Receive with meekness the engrafted WORD,** which is able to **SAVE your souls.**” ([Jms.1:21](#))

## B. And every accountable soul needs, God's saving Truth.

- The apostles were told, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.  
<sup>16</sup> He that believeth AND is baptized shall be **SAVED**;  
but he that believeth not shall be damned." ([Mk.16:15-16](#))

### 1. Do all in your power, to see it sown in the hearts of others (Tell them ourselves; Bring them here)

- "It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all **TAUGHT** of God.  
Every man therefore that hath **HEARD**, and hath **LEARNED** of the Father, **COMETH** unto Me."  
([Jn.6:45](#))

We can easily direct thoughts, as Phillip did.

- The Bible says, "Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and **SAID**,  
Understandest thou, what thou readest?" ([Acts 8:30](#))

There are Tracts available, and we should Use them.

Every accountable souls needs the Truth,

### 2. So we should Teach it with daily life, hoping to be an example to some lost soul.

- "For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us:  
for **we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you;**" ([2Thess.3:7](#))
- "ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word,  
they also **may without the word be won by the conversation** (or manner of living) of the wives;  
<sup>2</sup> while they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.  
<sup>3</sup> Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair,  
and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;  
<sup>4</sup> but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible,  
even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit,  
which is in the sight of God of great price." ([1Pet.3:1-4](#))

## VI. IN-CONCLUSION:

1. The lesson in a catchy jingle:
  - **Read it through -- Write it down -- Pray it in -- Work it out -- And pass it on.**
2. The Converse is true: If we do not STUDY IT / OBEY IT / HATE ITS OPPOSITE / CONTEND FOR IT / TEACH IT;  
Then it is clear, that WE DO NOT LOVE THE TRUTH.
3. Now back to question: **Do We Love the Truth?** ...Let's see:
  - a. The Lost, will obey it ([Acts 2:38](#)).
  - b. Those Out-of-duty, will return in penitence ([1Jn.1:9](#)).
  - c. The Unattached, will begin working with a local assembly or church, of the Lord ([Acts 9:26a](#)).
  - d. The Faithful, will love it more ([2Pet.3:18](#)).

If you have a spiritual NEED, please COME the Lord without Delay,  
While Together, we Stand and Sing.

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