Every Person's Obligations to the Truth

John 17:17

1. Know the Truth

- John 8:32-34
 - Can, must
 - Otherwise, cannot be free of sin
- 1 Timothy 2:4
 - God's desire, but He won't force you
- But what about all the different things men teach?
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:21
- Can be ever learning and not know the truth
 - 2 Timothy 3:7
- Some willfully forget willingly ignorant
 - 2 Peter 3:5
- Some do not want the knowledge of God
 - Romans 1:28

2. Believe the truth

- John 12:48; 20:30-31
- Deuteronomy 1:32
- Psalm 106:12, 14-15, 24
- Some know the Truth but do not believe the Truth. Why?
 - 1 Corinthians 1:23 prejudice, pride
 - John 5:44 desire honor of men
 - John 6:26 interested in the physical
 - 2 Timothy 4:3-4 own desires



3. Love the truth

2 Thessalonians 2:10

Know the TruthBelieve the Truth

- Cannot be saved without love of the truth
- Proverbs 23:23
- Lack of love of truth demonstrated
 - Acts 7:51-53, 57 (but "you", v.52!)
 - Contrast to: Acts 2:37, 41 (but "you", v.23!)
- Why do many not love the truth?
 - John 3:19-21
 - Because their deeds are evil; because they don't want their evil deeds exposed
 - Own choice
 - 2 Timothy 3:4, 2 Thessalonians 2:12
 - Lovers of pleasure

<u>4. Obey the truth</u>

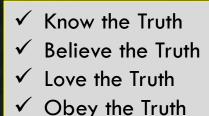
- 1 Peter 1:22-25
- Hebrews 5:8-9

✓ Know the Truth
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- Why do many know and believe the truth but not obey the truth?
 - Because obeying the truth means repenting, and they do not want to change and turn from their sins
 - Romans 6:17-18
 - Because of their priority of possessions, business, or family
 - Luke 14:15-24
 - Because of family ties
 - Luke 14:25-27, 33
 - Because of their love of riches
 - Mark 10:17-22
 - Because they love the praise of men more than the praise of God
 - John 12:42

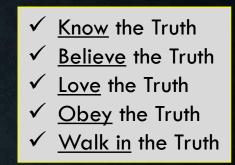
5. Walk in the Truth

- Jeremiah 6:16
- 1 John 2:3-6
- 3 John 4
- Ephesians 5:8
- Walking in the Truth in every realm and relationship
 - 1 Peter 3:5-7; Ephesians 6:1; Colossians 3:22-23, 4:1; 1 Peter 2:13-14
 - Not a Sunday-thing
 - Not a when-someone-is-watching thing
 - Not a when-I-feel-like-it thing
 - Not a when-it-fits-with-my-schedule thing



<u>6. Be established in the Truth</u>

- 2 Peter 1:12
- Colossians 1:23, 2:7



- Rooted, grounded, built up
- Standing in
 - I Corinthians 15:1; 16:13
 - 1 Thessalonians 3:8; 2 Thessalonians 2:15
- Firmly planted
 - Psalm 1:3
- Not the "open-mindedness" of the postmodern culture

7. Speak the Truth

- 2 Corinthians 4:13
- Ephesians 4:14-15
 - The message: the Truth
 - The motive: Love
- 2 Timothy 4:2-4
 - Love speaks the Truth, even when someone does not want to hear it
- To the lost; to the brethren; to the erring; to our families

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7. Contend for the Truth

- Jude 3
- Philippians 1:17
- Why?
 - Because of ungodly men
 - Jude 4
 - Because of the need for truth to continue
 - Galatians 2:5
 - Because of the damage wrought by error
 - 2 Timothy 2:16-18

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<u>My obligation and your obligation</u> <u>to the Truth:</u>

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