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# 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

✓ Know 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

- ✓ Know the Truth
- ✓ Believe the Truth

- 2 Thessalonians 2:10
  - 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

## 4. Obey the truth

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

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- ✓ Love the Truth

## 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

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## 6. Be established in the Truth

- 2 Peter 1:12
- Colossians 1:23, 2:7
  - Rooted, grounded, built up
- Standing in
  - 1 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

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## 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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## My obligation and your obligation to the Truth:

- Know the Truth
- Believe the Truth
- Love the Truth
- Obey the Truth
- Walk in the Truth
- Be established in the Truth
- Speak the Truth
- Contend for the Truth