



➤ **GOD PLACES ENORMOUS EMPHASIS ON THE TRUTH**

- Embracing truth enables me to be _____.

If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. **John 8:31-32** (NIV)

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As for us, we can't help but thank God for you, dear brothers and sisters loved by the Lord. We are always thankful that God chose you to be among the first to experience salvation--a salvation that came through the Spirit who makes you holy and through your belief in the truth. **2 Thessalonians 2:13** (NLT)

- Embracing truth enables me to _____ to salvation.

Be careful in your life and in your teaching. Continue to live and teach rightly. Then you will save yourself and those who listen to your teaching. **1 Timothy 4:16** (ERV)

- Embracing truth enables me to have a _____.

...they will hold to the outward form of our religion, but reject its real power. Keep away from such people...⁸ these people are opposed to the truth—people whose minds do not function and who are failures in the faith. **2 Timothy 3:5, 8** (TEV)

➤ **4 CHOICES THAT CAN PROTECT ME FROM ERROR**

1. I choose to _____.

These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged sword.
Revelation 2:12 (NIV)

God's word.. is sharper than any two-edged sword and cuts as deep as the place where soul and spirit meet.. ¹² God's word judges a person's thoughts and intentions. **Hebrews 4:11-12** (GW)

For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to right teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever they want to hear. ⁴ They will reject the truth and follow strange myths. **2 Timothy 4:3-4** (NLT)

...the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, ¹⁰ and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. **2 Thessalonians 2:9-10** (NIV)

2. I choose to _____ false teaching.

I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess. By her teaching she misleads my servants... **Revelation 2:20** (NIV)

Anyone who does not stay with the teaching of Christ, but goes beyond it, does not have God. Whoever does stay with the teaching has both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰ So then, if someone comes to you who does not bring this teaching, do not welcome him or her in your homes; do not even say, "Peace be with you." **2 John 9-10** (CEV)

He must be devoted to the trustworthy message we teach. Then he can use these accurate teachings to encourage people and correct those who oppose the word. **Titus 1:9** (GW)

3. I choose to realize the _____.

Likewise you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. ¹⁶ Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth. **Revelation 2:15-16** (NIV)

You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess.... ²² So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. ²³ I will strike her children dead. **Revelation 2:20-23** (NIV)

...but part of what he says is hard to understand. Some ignorant and unsteady people even destroy themselves by twisting what he said. They do the same thing with other Scriptures too. **2 Peter 3:14** (CEV)

4. I choose to remember the _____.

To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it... **Revelation 2:17** (NIV)

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