

Col 3:1 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

John 14:21 "He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him."

Hos 14:2 Take words with you and return to the LORD. Say to Him, "Take away all iniquity And receive *us* graciously, That we may present the fruit of our lips.

3 "Assyria will not save us, We will not ride on horses; Nor will we say again, 'Our god,' To the work of our hands; For in You the orphan finds mercy."

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[For further consideration]:

The success of bad men is connected to the silence of good men.

"None can teach like God; and all who will learn of Him must be alone with Him." [C.H. Mackintosh]

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GOD DESIRES TRUTH IN THE INWARD PARTS

PART ONE: SPEAK THE WAY PEOPLE SPEAK WHERE YOU COME FROM - The Land of the Living

Ps 51:6 Behold, Thou desirest truth in the inward parts; and in the hidden part Thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

Rom 6:13 do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead,

God's word is light:

Ps 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Ps 43:3 O send out Your light and Your truth, let them lead me; Let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling places.

Prov 6:23 For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching is light; And reproofs for discipline are the way of life

2Pet 1:19 So we have the prophetic word *made* more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts.

God's word is truth:

John 17:17 "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth."

Ps 119:160 The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous ordinances is everlasting.

2Tim 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

Rom 13:12 The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Eph 5:8 for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light

9 (for the fruit of the Light *consists* in all goodness and righteousness and truth),

10 trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

11 Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them;

12 for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret.

13 But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light.

Ps 41:11 By this I know that You are pleased with me, because my enemy does not shout in triumph over me.

2Tim 3:1 But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come.

Rev 1:3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.

Many of our problems are related to being *truth-poor*, and being *truth-poor* is the result of being *hearing-poor*.

Respond to the word of truth:

1. **ACCEPT** it
2. **ADJUST** your thinking to it
 - **Adjustments begin in your mouth**
3. **ACT** on it
 - **This is how you contend for the faith**

USE THE WORD OF GOD TO PRESENT YOURSELF TO HIM AS ALIVE FROM THE DEAD - by talking the way people talk where you come from - the land of the living.

Neh 1:1 The words of Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah. Now it happened in the month Chislev, in the twentieth year, while I was in Susa the capitol,

2 that Hanani, one of my brothers, and some men from Judah came; and I asked them concerning the Jews who had escaped and had survived the captivity, and about Jerusalem.

3 They said to me, "The remnant there in the province who survived the captivity are in great distress and reproach, and the wall of Jerusalem is broken down and its gates are burned with fire."

4 When I heard these words, I sat down and wept and mourned for days; and I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven.

5 I said, "I beseech You, O LORD God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who preserves the covenant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments,

6 let Your ear now be attentive and Your eyes open to hear the prayer of Your servant which I am praying before You now, day and night, on behalf of the sons of Israel Your servants, confessing the sins of the sons of Israel which we have sinned against You; I and my father's house have sinned.

7 "We have acted very corruptly against You and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the ordinances which You commanded Your servant Moses.

8 "Remember the word which You commanded Your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful I will scatter you among the peoples;

9 but if you return to Me and keep My commandments and do them, though those of you who have been scattered were in the most remote part of the heavens, I will gather them from there and will bring them to the place where I have chosen to cause My name to dwell.'

10 "They are Your servants and Your people whom You redeemed by Your great power and by Your strong hand.

11 "O Lord, I beseech You, may Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant and the prayer of Your servants who delight to revere Your name, and make Your servant successful today and grant him compassion before this man."

Neh 2:17 Then I said to them, "You see the bad situation we are in, that Jerusalem is desolate and its gates burned by fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem so that we will no longer be a reproach."

18 I told them how the hand of my God had been favorable to me and also about the king's words which he had spoken to me. Then they said, "Let us arise and build." So they put their hands to the good work.

19 But when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard it, they mocked us and despised us and said, "What is this thing you are doing? Are you rebelling against the king?"

20 So I answered them and said to them, "The God of heaven will give us success; therefore we His servants will arise and build, but you have no portion, right or memorial in Jerusalem."

God calls us to be who we are in view of what He has done.

We need to think and speak in truth and not in lie:

- **speaking in light and not in darkness**
- **speaking the language from above and not from below**

Eph 4:27 do not give the devil an opportunity.

- do not yield your mouth to the devil's intimidation
- what God has put in you is greater than any conflict

James 4:7 Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Matt 16:19 "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven;"

Mt 10:8 "Heal *the* sick, raise *the* dead, cleanse *the* lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give."

Luke 9:20 "But who do YOU SAY that I am?"

- **What comes out of your mouth about Jesus is a key of the highest priority.**
- **Your spiritual life rises or falls on your answer.**