



## LIVING A LIFE OF LOVING THE TRUTH

John 14:6 John 17:17 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12 2 Timothy 3:16

### TRUTH

- Pilate in John 18:38 “What is truth?”
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Absolute Truth : Gravity, God’s Moral Law, Spiritual Principles.

See 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12

Refuse the truth

Accept a delusion

Believe the lie

Act on the lie

Suffer the consequences

Four Types of Law in the Bible: Ceremonial, Moral, Judicial, Social Compact

### THE MAYFLOWER COMPACT (1620)

- For Christians and non-Christians
- Self government begins with Christ.
- Religious liberty should be for all people.
- In England it had been God---King---People
- In America it would be God---People---King
- The basis of the law would be Christianity
- The Declaration of Independence, The Constitution, The Bill of Rights

### Forms of Government

Totalitarianism - A gov’t that does not tolerate individualism or differences.

Socialism, Communism. Ruled by dictator, czar, or a pharaoh.

Monarchy - Often hereditary. A king or queen.

Republic or Constitutional Republic - The sovereign power is exercised by Elected representatives. It includes a constitution. John Adams said, “a government of laws not of men”.

Oligarchy - a government where the power resides in a small elite group.

Anarchy or Revolutionary - A government without laws where individuals exercise their own power.

Democracy - a government where the sovereign power is with the people.

Majority vote prevails. Mob rule.

Theocracy - a government ran by immediate representatives of God.

Example: Samuel in the Old Testament.

### THE FOUR JURISDICTIONS OR SPHERES

- Individual (Genesis 1) Glorify God I Cor. 10:31
- Home (Genesis 2) Love, Submit, Train Ephesians 5 & 6
- Church (Exodus) Proclaim, Disciple Matthew 28
- Government (Genesis 9) Punish Evil, Reward Good Romans 13 & I Peter 2

Note: Applying scriptures to the wrong sphere is dangerous. Jesus taught us to be discerning regarding this issue. See Matthew 22:19-21.

### CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

“All scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17

The Bible: 1) Speaks directly to something 2) Addresses an overarching principle 3) Gives inference to issues 4) Does not address an issue

Gender Identity	Racism	Taxation
Care of the Poor	Marriage	Free Market Enterprise
Minimum Wage	Debt Social	Justice

### YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE TRUTH

- Do you read God’s Word regularly?
- Have you ever read the Bible completely through? Why not?
- Do you pray for God to guide you?
- Do you know Jesus in your head or your heart?
- Are you open minded enough for the Holy Spirit to speak to you and rearrange your opinions, preferences, and personal biases?
- Do you want the truth?
- Are you willing to live “loving the truth”?