

# **WALKING IN THE TRUTH**

## **TRUE FAITH IN A POST-TRUTH WORLD**

### **2 JOHN + 3 JOHN**

1. **Walk the path of Truth and Love** (2 JN; 3 JN)
  - Love between Christians is based on the enduring Truth. Biblically informed Christian Truth. Not sentimentality, emotional feelings and goodwill.
  - As long God's Truth and the truth of the Gospel endures, so does the foundation for our love.
  - Many today would like to convince us that truth and doctrine is divisive and therefore not loving. To compromise truth to gain unity, is to gain the world and lose your soul.
  - If unity is the goal, and truth must be blurred to gain it, than we have the wrong goal. What should unite us as Christians and followers of Jesus is the truth of the Gospel and truth in God's revelation, the Bible.
  - Truth and Love are to be counter-balanced and never separated. (vs.3)
2. **Walk according to his commandments** (2 JN 6)
  - Our path must be continuously evaluated to make sure we are living according to the commandments.
  - Loving God, Loving His People, Loving the Lost.
  - God over Self, People over things, Eternity over Time.
3. **Walk aware of false paths** (2 JN 7).
  - How well can you spot deceivers and lies?
4. **Walk aware of false company** (2 Jn 9).

5. **Walk ready to extend hospitality** (when appropriate).

6. **Walk with Discernment-** What examples do you follow and imitate? Diotrephes or Demetrius. We are to Imitate (pattern our lives after) what is Good not Bad.

- **One who likes to put himself first**
- **Diotrephes-**
  - He Does not acknowledge authority
  - Misrepresenting others
  - Unwelcoming
  - Territorial
  - What you do in moderation your children will do in excess.
  - We are what we do.
  - Actions really do speak louder than words.
  - Words reveal our real trust
- **Demetrius-**
  - His life gives unquestionable evidence of a "True Faith.
  - His life serves as an example of the Truth and lived our in "True Faith."

**Questions to consider when walking in the Truth.**

- **What do I know of the truth?**
- **How do I speak of the Truth?** Does my life give evidence of its power and fruit?
- **What does the truth say of me?**