

## Spiritual champions- Discerning Truth

### I. Introduction-

Everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." Isaiah 43:7

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Mathew 5:16

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. I Corinthians 10:31

**"It's not about you."**

### II. Truth will define our spiritual journey-

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Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. John 14:6

You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. John 8:44

Truth; alētheia, objectively, what is true in any matter under consideration  
in reality, in fact, certainly

Discerning; showing insight and understanding between things, people and situations  
Judging between truth and lies

#### A. The spiritual journey that ends in heaven and brings glory to God-

You were dead in the trespasses and sins following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. Ephesians 2:1

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10

Repentance; to change direction, to change one's mind for better,  
To heartily to amend with abhorrence of one's past sins

#### B. A spiritual journey that ends in eternal separation from God-

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. I Corinthians 1:18

The serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil. Genesis 3:4

This is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. John 3:19

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. Romans 1:18

#### C. The truth about spiritual journeys in 2024-

"Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few. "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. Mathew 7:13

If our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. II Corinthians 4:3

On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness. Mathew 7:22

#### D. The truth about God -

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. John 3:16

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. II Peter 3:9

For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. Romans 1:19

### III. The spiritual mapping systems-

An electronic mapping system in a vehicle or mobile device that provides a real-time map of the current location and step-by-step directions to a requested destination. Often called a "GPS," a navigation system (nav) receives signals from the satellite-based global positioning system.

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#### A. A Spiritual mapping system for life based on God's inspired word, on the truth of Jesus Christ and on the leading and teaching of the Holy Spirit.

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### **B. Software updates-**

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones. Proverbs 3:5

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. Psalms 1:1

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. II Timothy 3:16

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### **C Discerning truth in a spiritual world at war-**

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. I John 4:1

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." Genesis 3:1

You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. James 4:4

Do we believe that in the beginning God supernaturally created all that exists or do we believe that our physical reality and life are a result of random accidents, and mutations over long periods of time? Romans 1:9-31

Do we believe God or Charles Darwin?

Do we believe God's word, His moral standard and His truth are absolute and unchanging based His nature. II Timothy 3:16, Exodus 20:1-17

Do we believe God or Louis Rath's?

Do we believe that we need a savior because we have a sinful nature or we believe that we are naturally good people?

Do we believe God or Sigmund Freud, B. F. Skinner, Carl Rogers, Dr. Phil

Do we believe our purpose to bring glory to God by showing Jesus to the world or to seek self-actualization and self-realization and high self-image for ourselves? Jeremiah 17:9, Ephesians 2:1-3

Do we believe God or do we believe Abraham Maslow

Do we believe that God created us in His image male and female or do we believe that our gender is defined by our personal feelings and emotions?

Do we believe God or do we believe Caitlyn Jenner, Laverne Cox, Pete Buttigieg

Do we believe that our goal in life is happiness and living our best life now or do we believe our goal in life is personal holiness and to be ambassadors for God telling others about Jesus Christ so they can spend eternity in heaven.

Do we believe God or Joel Osteen

Do we see politics, politicians and government as the solution to the problems in our country or do we repentance, prayer and turn from our sins as the hope for the United States. Deuteronomy 28

Do we believe God or the two candidates for president?