

10 DAY FAST

SEEK TRUTH

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The focus for today's fast is truth. Truth is paramount to God and should be priority in the believer's life. If I would quote all the scriptures about truth in the old and new testaments, it would literally take hours. There is a great divide between truth and falsehood. The devil is a liar and the father of lies and Jesus is THE TRUTH, The life and the way.

The book of Proverbs tells us that God hates lies and deception. Revelation 21 tells that those who love and practice lying will not be admitted into Heaven. The serpent used deception in the garden. One of the Ten Commandments is to not lie therefore as Christ followers; we must abhor lying at every turn. It is an evil force.

One of the devil's strongest tactics against us is deception whether it is false doctrine or lies about God's character. He puts questions in our minds about God's intentions and faithfulness toward us. He influences us to believe that we will never be good enough to find the favor of the Lord. Another way he influences us is by planting false impressions, ideas and misunderstanding into our thoughts about the people in our lives. We must be alert and aware of the thoughts we are allowing to influence us against God and man.

The only way to combat these lies is with the truth of the word of God.

As believers, we must be lovers of the truth. Every situation and circumstance in our lives requires truth applied to it for it to be solved appropriately. The truth is not always pleasant and is often hard to take but the truth is what sets us free. When we know and understand the truth, only then can we grow in our personal walk with Christ and in our relationships with others.

The first step in finding truth is finding Jesus. John 16:3 Jesus teaches that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth and he will guide us into all truth. In John 8, Jesus told his disciples that if they hold to his teaching and they would know the truth and it would set them free. In John 14:6, Jesus said. "I AM the truth." Making time and space to study the word of God and allowing it to transform us into his image will set us free from the lies we believe about God, ourselves and others. As we learn to linger in his presence with prayer and reading the word, the truths of his word will penetrate in every area of our lives.

As you fast and pray during these 10 days, seek truth with all your heart. Bring your questions to him in prayer. Ask him to help you see the truth of who he is and the truth in the situations and circumstances you are facing in your life. Watch him impart new wisdom and understanding to you. His intentions toward you are always good. A faith building scripture is 3 John 3:4. The Father has no greater joy than his children walk in truth. He is waiting for you to ask today.

Press into truth during these days of fasting and see what the Lord will do in your life!

