



**PURSUING GODLINESS
PART ONE: SPEAK THE TRUTH**

Ephesians 4:25

1. _____ Your Past _____

Believer, you have left off your old self, let it remain far apart from you. More than just telling a lie, this rejection covers the entire gamut of the inner condition of a deceiver.

You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires...When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. ~ John 8:44

2. _____ God's Direct _____

As God is the God of Truth, it is of absolute necessity that His people are those who speak truth to each other. For in speaking the truth, you possess no hidden agendas or schemes contrary to Christ.

For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit." ~ 1 Peter 3:10

3. _____ Your Real _____

The community you have is the body of Christ. And as a member of it, you invariably do great harm with falsehoods. Your left hand may as well attack your right as to bear out lies within the church.

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ~ Romans 12:4-5

1 TIMOTHY 3:14-15

I HOPE TO COME TO YOU SOON, BUT I AM WRITING THESE THINGS TO YOU SO THAT, IF I DELAY, YOU MAY KNOW HOW ONE OUGHT TO BEHAVE IN THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD, WHICH IS THE CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD, A PILLAR AND BUTTRESS OF THE TRUTH.



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**Additional Scripture References
(And Rabbit Trails Bible Study)**

Proverbs 13:5

The righteous hates falsehood, but the wicked brings shame and disgrace.

Isaiah 5:18

Woe to those who draw iniquity with cords of falsehood, who draw sin as with cart ropes.

Revelation 22:15

Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

Zechariah 8:16-17

"These are the things that you shall do: Speak the truth to one another; render in your gates judgments that are true and make for peace; do not devise evil in your hearts against one another, and love no false oath, for all these things I hate, declares the Lord."

Galatians 4:16

Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth?

Psalms 15:1-3

O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill? He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart; who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend.

1 Corinthians 12:27

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Psalms 133:1

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12

The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.