

?What is TRUTH, and where do you find it?

Studies have shown that only 6% of teenagers believe in truth. Most people don't even know a good definition to describe it. Then you throw in an idea like "Absolute" truth and people really freak out. So, allow me to clarify for you what truth is and how to find it.

First off, for something to be true it has to be based upon a standard. And if there is truth, there also must be a lie because of the fallen world we live in. So, the question is not "what is truth", the real question is "what is the standard for truth?"

To qualify for the standard for truth, especially Absolute truth, "meaning nothing else is right outside of this fact, all other options are wrong". The standard must be firm and completely immovable. It must never change, it must never fail. So, now that we have the blue print on how to find truth, what could ever possibly fulfill all of the requirements?

I suggest to you that the only thing that could fulfill every standard to be the ultimate truth is God our heavenly Father, and His Holy word—the Bible. I will set out to prove to you all these facts so you can be sure to understand truth and avoid the lies of Satan. I will also show you how to detect if your leaders and teachers are being led by the standard of truth "God and His holy word" or demonic influences of Satan. Look Up "John 4:23-24"

Leaders

How to know if your leaders are being led by God:

1. You know them by the fruit they bear. **(Luke 6:43-44)**
2. The fruit of the spirit **(Galatians 5:22-23)**
3. If they can confess Jesus Christ is their Lord and Savior **(1 John 4:1-3)** It's not just that they say they believe in Jesus, but specifically the Jesus of the Bible as He is described in the Bible.
4. If they stand on the scripture "Your word is truth" **(John 17:17)** The Bible is an all or nothing book. You can't say you believe this and not that. If you were to do that, you insult the Author of the Bible "God" and call Him a liar. If God created heaven and earth and all that we see, do you also not believe that He is capable of sustaining His holy word to be delivered to us in the exact way He wants it?
5. If they become a servant as did Jesus, not seeking the church to serve his needs and desires. **(Mark 13:4-17 + Titus 1:7-8)**
6. If they teach and keep the commandments of God. **(Mathew 15:6-9 + Revelation 22:14)**

Eight ways to know you're being deceived:

1. *A Person is being **deceived*** if he is "a hearer and not a doer" of the word of God. **(James 1:23-24)**
2. *A Person is being **deceived*** if he says he has no sin. **(1 John 1:8)**
3. *A Person is being **deceived*** when he thinks he is "something when he is nothing." **(Galatians 6:3)**
4. *A Person is being **deceived*** when he thinks he is wise with wisdom of this world. **(1 Corinthians 3:18)**
5. *A Person is being **deceived*** by seeming to be religious, when an unbridled tongue reveals his true condition. **(James 1:26)**
6. *A Person is being **deceived*** if he thinks he will sow and not reap what he sows. **(Galatians 6:7)**
7. *A Person is being **deceived*** if he thinks the unrighteous will inherit the kingdom of God. **(1 Corinthians 6:9-10)**
8. *A Person is being **deceived*** if he thinks that contact with sin will have no effect on him. **(1 Corinthians 15:33)**

Words of Warnings:

- "In the end times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and **doctrines of devils.**" **(1 Timothy 4:1-2)**
- "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent deceived Eve, through subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he comes preaching another Jesus, who we have not preached, or if you receive another spirit.... Or another Gospel which you have not received from us." **(2 Corinthians 11:3-4)**