

# “Uncompromising Truth”

## Core Values – Part 1

John 8:32

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### 4 SIGNS OF TRUTH DECAY:

#### ❖ IMMATURITY

*“Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do His work and build up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won’t be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth.”*  
Ephesians 4:11-14 (NLT)

#### ❖ IMMORALITY

*“Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against Him. They have no sense of shame. They live for lustful pleasure and eagerly practice every kind of impurity.”* Ephesians 4:18-19 (NLT)

#### ❖ IDOLATRY

*“They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator Himself, who is worthy of eternal praise! Amen.”* Romans 1:25 (NLT)

#### ❖ INJUSTICE

*“Our courts oppose the righteous, and justice is nowhere to be found. Truth stumbles in the streets, and honesty has been outlawed.”* Isaiah 59:14 (NLT)

*“When there is ignorance of God crime runs wild.”* Proverbs 29:18 (LB)

### 1. WHERE CAN I FIND TRUTH?

#### ➤ **Truth is rooted in God’s character.**

*“Anyone who accepts His testimony can affirm that God is true.”* John 3:33 (NLT)

#### ➤ **Truth is embodied in God’s son.**

*“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”*  
John 14:6 (NKJV)

*“You, however, did not come to know Christ that way.”* Ephesians 4:20 (NIV)

#### ➤ **Truth is revealed in God’s word.**

*“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”* 2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV)

*“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.”* 2 Timothy 3:16 (NLT)

*“Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth.”*  
John 17:17 (NLT)

#### ➤ **Truth is led to by God’s spirit.**

*“When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on His own but will tell you what He has heard. He will tell you about the future.”* John 16:13 (NLT)

## 2. WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH THE TRUTH?

➤ **Believe it.**

*"But you must continue to believe this truth and stand firmly in it. Don't drift away from the assurance you received when you heard the Good News. The Good News has been preached all over the world, and I, Paul, have been appointed as God's servant to proclaim it." Colossians 1:23 (NLT)*

➤ **Obey it.**

*"But we must hold on to the progress we have already made." Philippians 3:16 (NLT)*

➤ **Stand for it.**

*"For we cannot oppose the truth, but must always stand for the truth." 2 Corinthians 13:8 (NLT)*

➤ **Spread it.**

*"So we ourselves should support them so that we can be their partners as they teach the truth." 3 John 1:8 (NLT)*