

NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

ARE YOU WALKING IN THE TRUTH?

2 John 1:4-6 Jeff Schreve

The elder to the chosen lady and her children, whom I love in truth; and not only I, but also all who know the truth, for the sake of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever: Grace, mercy and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love. I was very glad to find some of your children walking in truth, just as we have received commandment to do from the Father. And now I ask you, lady, not as writing to you a new commandment, but the one which we have had from the beginning, that we love one another. And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, that you should walk in it. 2 John 1:1-6

How can you be a person who walks in the truth and pleases the Lord?

1. Understand the progression to walking in the truth.

A. You hear the truth of God's love.

How then shall they call upon Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? Romans 10:14

B. You receive the truth of God's love.

... for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. 2 Thessalonians 2:10

C. You express the truth of God's love.

... the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. Romans 5:3

1. You love God by obeying His commandments.

Loving God means obeying his commands. 1 John 5:3

2. You love God by loving others.

I was very happy to learn about some of your children. I am happy that they are following the way of truth, just as the Father commanded us. And now, dear

lady, I tell you: We should all love each other. This is not a new command. It is the same command we had from the beginning. And loving means living the way he commanded us to live. And God's command is this: that you live a life of love.

You heard this command from the beginning. 2 John 1:4-6 ERV

2. Understand the challenges to walking in the truth.

A. Your flesh wants to sin.

Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you just as I have forewarned you that those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Galatians 5:19-21

B. Your flesh wants to rule.

3. Understand the keys to walking in the truth.

A. Remember the cross.

*Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge; and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness; and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. For if these *qualities* are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these *qualities* is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins. 2 Peter 1:5-9*

B. Remember His love in the law.

Love does no wrong to a neighbor; love therefore is the fulfillment of the law. Romans 10:13

And I shall delight in Your commandments, which I love. And I shall lift up my hands to your commandments, which I love.

Psalms 119:47-48

C. Remember it's a walk in the light.

And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:5-7

What changes do you need to make today to start walking in the truth?

