

Bible Study 01/31/17, Pastor Lewis Brown Stand for Truth, Part 1 – Stand for Truth.

Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?

Ephesians 6:13-14, Living Bible - 13 So use every piece of God's armor to resist the enemy whenever he attacks, and when it is all over, you will still be standing up. 14 But to do this, you will need the strong belt of truth and the breastplate of God's approval.

- The truth holds everything (all the spiritual weapons of our warfare) together.
- Adapt your life to the Word.
- **The Word doesn't change to fit your situation.**
- You need to align yourself with The Word.
- When you begin to tell the truth it will not always be accepted.
- Sometimes the truth hurts.
- **Don't get defensive or angry when you hear the truth.**
- Some people will hate you for telling them the truth.
- Truth shines the light in the darkness. Darkness doesn't like light.
- Get ready to be talked about when you start walking in truth.
- If you're willing to grow, you'll go ahead and accept the truth.

Acts 2:36-37, New King James Version - 36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." 37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

1. Truth can hurt.
2. Truth can promote you.
3. Truth can deliver you.

John 8:36, New King James Version - 36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

- Jesus MADE us free, not just set us free.
- Jesus is concerned about the total man. He does not want us in bondage to anything but to love the Father, which is a joy!
- When you know the truth, it is no good unless you act on it.
- We can know the truth and keep it to ourselves. (We live in a lost world. Be a light in your dark surroundings.)
- We have to get a boldness to speak the truth—especially when they invite you to say something.
- **Don't worry about people's feelings more than their soul—that's being a men-pleaser.**
- People are BOLD about sin.

- Why can't we be BOLD for Christ and righteousness?
- You will pay a price for your Christianity—everyone will not love you. You will offend people many times.
- As soon as you start witnessing, the devil will try to get the person to get the conversation off of them. (The devil doesn't want them to hear the truth.)
- Redirect the conversation and go back to talking about them.
- When you follow truth it will cause blessing to flow your way.
- For example: When Peter obeyed truth from Jesus, he was blessed

Luke 5:4-6, New King James Version - 4 When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." 5 But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." 6 And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.

- Can you use a "too-much" blessing?
- **When we don't obey truth, we lose peace.**
- When God gives you something to do, you don't have a choice.
- Truth costs.
- Sometimes the price of telling the truth is costly.
- Sometimes when you tell the truth, you will stand alone.
- **Sometimes if you tell the truth and obey the truth, it will affect your family.**
- For example: Abraham was asked to sacrifice Isaac, his favorite and promised son.
- For example: The three Hebrew boys were commanded to bow down to an idol. But, they refused. So King of Babylon commanded them to be thrown into the fiery furnace. ([Daniel 3:12-18](#))
- Are you willing to go into the "fire" for standing for truth?
- Will you follow the sinful crowd, or stand alone?
- If you really have it in your heart, it will be in your actions.
- Better to shout hallelujah outside the church, than just inside the church. (Let your light shine before men.)
- Look out for the truth test.
- **When you obey, there will be a harvest.**
- Some are saved by snatching them out of the fire.
- Compel men to come to a knowledge of the Truth. Compel means to eliminate all excuses.
- Tell your kids the truth. Watch over their souls.