

# TRUTH

There are many times when a person seeking guidance will approach me wanting to discover the truth. “Pastor, if the truth will set us free, how come so many people avoid it?” My response... Such people only want the truth served up the way they like it, so they veneer the truth – often to justify their own actions. Dangerous! Truth is truth, and it has the power ‘in itself’ to be made known. Jesus said, **“I am the way, the truth and the life”** (John 14:16). He is the only truth that can lead you to the Father. He is the only truth that can set you free! Your own ideals, philosophies and intentions are mere human endeavours; all they can lead you toward is bondage. Often people who want to manipulate the truth to suit their own personal agendas will confront you. This is when you must be bold and declare what the Word of God says about such matters (**“God’s Word is truth”** – John 17:17). In doing this, you bring the power of liberty into action. Remember, without knowledge no freedom can be established. Why? Because it is knowledge of the truth that will set you free! 2 Timothy 2:15 says, **“Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”** This verse implies that “rightly dividing the word of truth” is a guarantee that you will be proud of everything you say and do!

We are living in an era where almost no one believes in absolute truth. But Jesus Himself declared that He came **“to bear witness to the truth”** (John 18:37). So, what is truth? The word from which it is translated means, *“That which is accurate or true in any matter under consideration.”* For instance, if I were to tell you that there is a truth called the Law of Gravity. This law states, *“Whatever goes up must come down.”* Now, suppose that you reject that as being merely “my truth,” and you decide to test your theory by jumping from a building. It will not take you long to find out that there is such a thing as absolute truth! Abraham Lincoln once used a very clever ploy to teach some people about truth. They had come to him with a decision that was based on suppositions rather than truth. After hearing their logic, Lincoln asked, *“How many legs would a sheep have if you called its tail a leg?”* They quickly answered, *“Five!”* The President then said, *“No, it would only have four legs. Calling a tail a leg doesn’t make it one.”*

This leads me to the truth you can speak out that will change your circumstances. **“...Calling those things which are not as though they were”** (Romans 4:17). The truth is not found in what is visible but what is invisible! Hence, you need to confess what is already established and true in the realm of the spirit. Don’t get side tracked by human opinions; boldly declare what God’s word says about that particular matter and it will change before your very eyes. You have the power of truth in your mouth!