



Series: Walking Circumspectly  
A Christian is Truthful  
Ephesians 4:25

A thing is either reality or not. Feelings and assumptions are tricky things, we can love them, we can be convinced that they are true, but still be dead wrong. We strive to know the truth and obey it. Truth is something we can't abandon, no matter the temptation.

I. Truth is rooted in Christ

A. The Word

1 John 5:7

*1 John 5:6–7 (KJV 1900)*

*<sup>6</sup> This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. <sup>7</sup> For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.*

*John 17:17*

*<sup>17</sup> Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*

B. The Way, The Truth and the Life

John 14:6

*<sup>6</sup> Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

*John 1:13–14*

*<sup>13</sup> Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup> And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

C. He does not lie

1 Peter 2:21–22

*<sup>21</sup> For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: <sup>22</sup> Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:*

II. Reject Deception

A. When we lie we reflect the wrong thing

1. The father of lies

John 8:44–45

*<sup>44</sup> Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. <sup>45</sup> And because I tell *you* the truth, ye believe me not.*

2. The wicked

*Proverbs 11:18*

<sup>18</sup> *The wicked worketh a deceitful work:  
But to him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward.*

3. The many other deceivers

*2 John 7*

<sup>7</sup> *For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.*

**B.** Lies lead to other things

1. Habit
2. Trouble

*Genesis 12:7–9*

<sup>7</sup> *And the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the Lord, who appeared unto him.*

<sup>8</sup> *And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Beth-el, and pitched his tent, having Beth-el on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the Lord, and called upon the name of the Lord. <sup>9</sup> And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the south.*

3. Liars become despised

*Psalms 5:6*

<sup>6</sup> *Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing:  
The LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.*

**III.** Practicing Truthfulness

**A.** God deserves truth

*Psalms 51:6 (KJV 1900)*

<sup>6</sup> *Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts:  
And in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.*

**B.** If we expect God to use us, we need honesty.

*Exodus 18:21 (KJV 1900)*

<sup>21</sup> *Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:*

*Zechariah 8:16-17*

*Zechariah 8:16 (KJV 1900)*

<sup>16</sup> *These are the things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates:*

C. You can't have Fellowship with God without honesty

Joshua 24:14

Joshua 24:14 (KJV 1900)

<sup>14</sup> Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the Lord.

Psalm 15:1-2

Psalm 15:1-2 (KJV 1900)

<sup>1</sup> Lord, Who shall abide in thy tabernacle?

Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

<sup>2</sup> He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness,

And speaketh the truth in his heart.