

Truth People are True People

John 1:43-49

⁴³ The next day He purposed to go into Galilee, and He *found Philip. And Jesus *said to him, "Follow Me." ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, of the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip *found Nathanael and *said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and *also* the Prophets wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Philip *said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and *said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸ Nathanael *said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹ Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel."

An "Israelite Indeed," according to Jesus, is a person in whom there is no guile; a true person!

Jesus saw him, heard him discredit his hometown, and celebrated the character trait behind it:
A rejection of superficiality- what you see is what you get!

Jesus is seeking to make us like him: with Jesus, you will always know where you stand.

Psalms 51:6

⁶ Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being, And in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom.

This is the line along which the religious and the truly spiritual divide: appearance vs. substance.

2 Timothy 3:5

⁵ holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these.

This is a warning to men who embrace the religious spirit that resists the Holy Spirit: It will lead to corruption!

Revelation 3:1

³ "To the angel of the church in Sardis write: He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars, says this: 'I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.'

This is a warning to religious people in a "spiritual" context: an appearance of life is no substitute for the life of Jesus!

Authenticity is precious to Jesus, and that means being the same person all the time, no matter who is watching.

Psalms 101:2: ² I will give heed to the blameless way. When will You come to me? I will walk within my house in the integrity of my heart.

In fact, authenticity is evidence of submission to the Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, who cannot bear to let any lie live in you!

John 15:26-27

²⁶ "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, *that is* the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me, ²⁷ and you *will* testify also, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

He will put true-ness in you, teach you to live by it, and cause it also to come out of your mouth!

John 8:43-45 ⁴³ Why do you not understand what I am saying? *It is* because you cannot hear My word. ⁴⁴ You are of *your* father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does

not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *nature*, for he is a liar and the father of lies. ⁴⁵ But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me.

John 8:37 ³⁷ I know that you are Abraham's descendants; yet you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you.

God's Word, His truth, will not concede to live alongside the devil's lies because they are violently opposed to one another.

The aim of truth is to lead people into freedom; the underlying intention of every lie is to make slaves of men.

The church of Jesus Christ must now decide to let no lie, large or small, theological or secular, live in us.

The hour that tests our courage has come. How can we let no lie live in us and become true people?

Isaiah 34:16a ¹⁶ Seek from the book of the Lord and read;

If you don't already have a daily time in the Scriptures, begin now. Learn to process everything with Jesus in His Word!

"Live Not by Lies", Introduction XIV

"And the simplest and most accessible key to our self-neglected liberation lies right here: Personal non-participation in lies. Though lies conceal everything, though lies embrace everything- not with any help from me. This opens a breach in the imaginary encirclement caused by our inaction. It is the easiest thing to do for us, but the most devastating for the lies. Because when people renounce lies it simply cuts short their existence. Like an infection, they can exist only in a living organism."
-Alexander Solzhenitzen, *Live Not By Lies*