

Parenting in an Anti-truth Culture

Lecture Two

Introduction: Follow Peters instruction:

1Peter 1:13-16

1. Discipline your _____ so you can live biblically.
2. Be discreet! Keep watch! Be _____ in your thinking as you are confronted with worldly philosophies.
3. Intentionally fix your _____ on the future culmination of your salvation.
4. Do not be _____ by the worldly things you valued before your salvation.
5. Strive to be _____ in all everything you think, say, and do.
6. God is the _____ of holiness by whom we must measure ourselves.

A. Historical _____ of Philosophy

1. Modernism (approximately early 1800s to 1970s)

Modernism is the “belief that truth exists and that the scientific method is the only reliable way to determine that truth. . . Modern thought treated human reason as the final arbiter of what is true. The modern mind discounted the idea of the supernatural and looked for scientific and rationalistic explanations for everything.”¹

2. Postmodernism (approximately 1970 - 2010)

Postmodernism in general in marked by a tendency to dismiss the possibility of any sure and settled knowledge of the truth. Postmodernism suggests that if objective truth exists, it cannot be known objectively or with any degree of certainty.

3. _____-truth (hard postmodernism)

The postmodern thought we now deal with is not the postmodern thought of days past. It is hard-edged, exclusivist . . . and built for war. It has major consequences for theology. . . and it has major consequences for society, institutions, and the Christian worldview. The stakes are high here, and we must . . . know the Word and the times in which we live.”²

¹ John MacArthur, *The Truth War*, p. 10

² Owen Strachan, *Christianity and Wokeness*, pp. 90-91

In this new era of anti-truth, our culture no longer needs lies to cover up their indiscretions – their sinful life-style – because they now boldly live the lie and promote it as good and right. Ultimate truth has been entirely removed from the equation.

B. Biblical Perspective

Romans 1:22-25

1. Truth _____

“Truth is that which is consistent with the mind, will, character, glory, and being of God. . . [T]ruth is the self-expression of God. -John MacArthur

2. The _____ of truth

God - Psa 31:5

_____ - Jhn 14:6

Spirit - John 16:13

God's _____ - Psa 119:142

The _____ **of Scripture** - Psa 119:160

Commandments - Psa 119:151

God's _____ - Psa 25:10

The _____ **of God**- 1Ti 3:15

3. God's response to _____

God will _____ - Pro 19:9

They will _____ **God's wrath** - Rom 1:18

God _____ **deceit** - Pro 6:16-19

4. Characteristics of unbelievers as it pertains to deceitfulness

_____ **of sin** - 1Jo 1:8

_____ **other people** - Pro 14:25

False teachers _____ **the truth** - 2Pe 2:2

Satan (the liar) is their _____ - John 8:44

5. _____ of truth

We are _____ with the truth - Jhn 17:17

Truth _____ us- Psa 40:11

We are _____ by truth - Psa 69:13

6. Our _____ to truth

We should be _____ the Truth - Psa 25:5

_____ in truth - Psa 86:11

We will _____ in truth - 1Co 13:6

We must _____ truth - Eph 4:15, Pro 8:7

Holy Spirit produced fruit will _____ truth -Eph 5:9

We must _____ handle the Word - 2Ti 2:15

_____ God's commandments - 1Jo 2:4

Give _____ to God - Psa 115:1

7. Teach our children _____

Salvation vs. _____ - Rom 2:5-8

Call on _____ according to His Truth - Psa 145:18

_____ God according to His Truth - John 4:24

Always _____ truthfully - Pro 3:3

Speak what is _____ - Pro 12:17

You will please me the most by _____ in God's Truth - 3Jo 1:4