

The Truth – Who are you – what do you believe?



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1. How important are your family and friends to you in working out what is right and wrong?
2. How important is your age group, education, social media influencers, culture to you in working out what is right and wrong?
3. How important is your past experience to you in working out what is right and wrong?
4. How would you describe self, yourself who you are?

Psalm 119:11

**¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart
that I might not sin against you.**

Psalm 119:105

**¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.**

We need to know who we are and what we believe

Ephesians 4:14

¹⁴ that we henceforth be no longer children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine by the sleight of men and their cunning and craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive.

Romans 12:2

The Message

12 1-2 So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

We all want to be free. We don't want to be confused and be tossed about by what other people think.

Isaiah 58:6-11

6 “Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:
to loosen the chains of injustice
 and untie the cords of the yoke,
to set the oppressed free
 and break every yoke?

7 Is it not to share your food with the hungry
 and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—
when you see the naked, to clothe them,
 and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

8 Then your light will break forth like the dawn,
 and your healing will quickly appear;
then your righteousness^[a] will go before you,
 and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.

⁹Then you will call, and the LORD will answer;
you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.

“If you do away with the yoke of oppression,
with the pointing finger and malicious talk,

¹⁰and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the oppressed,
then your light will rise in the darkness,
and your night will become like the noonday.

¹¹The LORD will guide you always;
he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land
and will strengthen your frame.

You will be like a well-watered garden,
like a spring whose waters never fail.