

Attitude Toward Truth

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The truth of God is a marvelous consideration. It is wonderful in its completeness and has a great attraction because of its functional capabilities. It is sufficient to meet any and all the needs of mankind (II Timothy 3:16-17) and is marked with a stamp of identifiable inspiration. The truth of God is for everyone; no one is excepted (Mark 16:15-15). What is your attitude toward the truth of God? There are several ways people consider the word of God. Some are merely convenient, some are foolish, some bring praises to Him who gave it. What is your attitude toward the truth of God?

The I don't care attitude? Many people today are not interested in the word of God. They are so busily engaged in "things" and "gadgets" they never have any time to give to His truth, nor do they want to be bothered by anyone about their attitude. The result? They are left alone to wallow in the squalor of ignorance and degradation. When you mention gospel truths to them, they offer the same time-worn excuses made by those who just don't care to be bothered. Read Romans 1:21, where we are warned that such an attitude results in a darkened and hardened and heart. Is this your attitude toward the truth of God?

The I care, but don't do attitude? Far too many members of the Lord's body are infected with this malady. It is not the knowing of the truth. They may even attend services and Bible classes, and compliment the preaching, but they just never get around to doing anything about it. They know—they just don't do. The Lord tells us that if we know what to do but don't do what we know, we sin (James 4:17). To know and do not is a dangerous attitude. About your attitude?

The I do, but don't know attitude? This one of the saddest of all attitudes. And there are hordes if people who have this problem. They are good people who are merely mis-informed. For instance, they have been told that as long as you are honest and sincere, you are religious. They have not read the truth of God, they have merely heard some well-said information, then without any investigation of the scriptures, they accept it as so. It is not enough for a person to be sincere—he must be sincerely right! In I Peter 4:11, we are told that a man must "speak as the oracles of God," not some man-made supposition. What is your attitude? Do you seek diligently to find the truth which will make you free (John 8: 31-32), or are you content to follow same man-made creed or teaching?

The I do, because I know attitude? "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). This is the attitude described in Jesus' parable of the sower (Luke 8) as the productive servant of Christ—the seed in a good and honest heart that produces abundantly. These are the folks who "having and honest and good heart ..."

“hear the word and keep it.” Truth is both definitive and available. Furthermore, it is wonderfully functional. When it is applied to life’s situations it not only functions efficiently, but brings peace to him who uses it properly and glory to God who gave it.

The I know and will grow attitude? This is a vital and necessary attitude for the child of God. It is imperative that the follower of Christ continue to grow in their love for the Father and for His word of their salvation. We are admonished to “grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (II Peter 3:18). We are to be those who, “...speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ” (Eph. 4:15).

Each of us would do well to make sure we have a good attitude toward our Lord and His word of truth.