

## **WANTED: A FEW BRAVE SOULS**

Scriptures: Psalm 86:11; 51:6; 43:3; 26:2,3;  
40:10; 25:4,5; John 14:6,7; 18:37; 1 John 5:20

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### **TRUTH BASICS**

1. God and His Word are the source of all TRUTH. The truth begins and ends with God; God must be the starting point in any search for the truth.
2. The Bible is God's revealed Word in WRITTEN form; Jesus is God's revealed truth made flesh.
3. We are all born with a natural AVERSION to the truth.
4. God's truth is revealed in nature, in His written Word, in the work and person of His Son and through the working of His Holy Spirit.
5. Only God's Spirit can break down our RESISTANCE to God's truth.
6. Jesus is the sum total of REDEMPTION truth.
7. Jesus is the GATEWAY to all other truth; that is, we are incapable of understanding or receiving the rest of God's truth until we have entered into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord.

### **CHARACTERISTICS OF TRUTH TELLERS**

1. They have a passionate and uncompromising LOVE for God and the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. They implicitly believe God's Word in its entirety from COVER to COVER.
3. They make no apologies for SIN.
4. They proclaim God's truth BOLDLY and without partiality.
5. They are not intimidated by the reactions or opinions of others.
6. They understand that in order to make a difference they have TO BE different.
7. They understand what is at STAKE and are willing to pay the PRICE to stand for what is right.
8. Their affections are on things above, not the things here and now—they have an eternal MINDSET.
9. They back their BELIEFS with ACTIONS.
10. They CARE ABOUT people.

**THEY ARE NOT:**

1. Always POPULAR.
2. Always UNDERSTOOD.
3. Without their CRITICS.
4. Without FAULTS of their own (therefore humility is in order).
5. WASTING their TIME or laboring in VAIN.
6. To be FOUND on every street corner or even in many CHURCHES.
7. UNKNOWN to their LORD.

Related Scriptures: John 8:31-59; 17:14-18; 19:32-35; Romans 1:18-25; 3:3,4;

## **RESPONSIVE READING**

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**Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart that I may fear your name.**

Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

**Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me; let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell.**

Test me, O LORD, and try me, examine my heart and my mind; for your love is ever before me, and I walk continually in your truth.

**I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation. I do not conceal your love and your truth from the great assembly.**

Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

**Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."**

Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.

**We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true--even in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.**