

Truth can stand for itself

James 5:12 But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your "Yes" be "Yes," and your "No," "No," lest you fall into judgment.

Truth: Rightness, trueness; authenticity, genuineness, candor.

1. Truth is a VIRTUE of a Christian

Phil 4:8 Brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy — meditate on these things.

a) Truth is to be VALUED

Prov 23:23 Buy the truth, and do not sell it.

b) Truth is to be REGARDED and PERFORMED

Deut 23:23 That which has gone from your lips you shall keep and perform.

c) Truth will not always be ACCEPTED

John 8:45 But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me.

2. Falsehood is a VICE of the WICKED

Isa 59:4 No one calls for justice, nor does any plead for truth. They trust in empty words and speak lies; They conceive evil and bring forth iniquity.

a) Falsehood is to be REJECTED

Ps 119:29 Remove from me the way of lying.

3. Truth is what God DESIRES from us

Ps 51:6 Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts.

a) Truth brings ESTEEM with God and men

Prov 3:3 Let not mercy and truth forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart, 4 And so find favor and high esteem in the sight of God and man.

a) Truth gives ASSURANCE

Ps 15:1 Lord, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill? 2 He who walks uprightly, and works righteousness, and speaks the truth in his heart.