

John 8:31-32 (NASB) ““If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” “You will know the truth and the truth will set you free.”

**First: What are the signs of TRUTH-DECAY?**

**Signpost number 1: IMMATURITY**

Ephesians 4:14 (NASB) “As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming.”



Proverbs 29:18 (NASB) “Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained.”

**Signpost number 2: IMMORALITY**

Ephesians 4:18-19 (NASB) “Being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart; and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.”



Proverbs 14:9 (NASB) “Fools mock at sin.”

**Signpost number 3: UNREALITY**

2 Thessalonians 2:10b-12 “Because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. ... God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false, in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.”



**Signpost number 4: ILLEGALITY**

Proverbs 29:18 (NASB) “Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained.”



**Signpost number 5: IDOLATRY**

Romans 1:25 (NASB) “For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever.”



**Signpost number 6: INJUSTICE**

Isaiah 59:14-15 “Justice is beaten back, Righteousness is banished to the sidelines, Truth staggers down the street, honesty is nowhere to be found, Good is missing in action. Anyone renouncing evil is beaten and robbed. God looked and saw evil looming on the horizon—so much evil and no sign of Justice. ”



**Second: How can I know TRUTH?**

John 7:17 (NASB) ““If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know of the teaching, whether it is of God or whether I speak from Myself.”

**1: We know what’s true through CREATION.**

Romans 1:20 (NASB) “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.”

**2. We know what’s true through CONSCIENCE.**

### What is Truth?

Romans 2:14-15 (NASB) "For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves, in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them, "

Hebrews 3:12-13 (NASB) "Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God. But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin."

### 3. You can know truth through God's COMMANDMENTS.

2 Timothy 3:16 (NASB) "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness."

### 4. We know the truth is through CHRIST.

John 14:6 (NASB) "Jesus said, I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father but by Me."

John 14:7&9 (NASB) "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him. ... He who has seen Me has seen the Father."

John 3:33 in the New Living translation "Those who believe Him discover that God is true."

### Third: How do you HANDLE truth?

1. BELIEVE it
2. PRACTICE it
3. STAND for it
4. SHARE it

### Application:

Is there any area of your life where you are suffering from "truth decay"?

Do you see any of the evidences of truth "decay"?

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What role does truth play in your life?

Are you living in the freedom of knowing The Truth?

How are you handling the truth? Do you:

- Believe it
- Practice it
- Stand for it
- Share it

What has God taught you about living the truth?

What adjustments do you need to make in your life to accommodate the truth?

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