

Prov. 23:23; 29:18 – THE ABSOLUTE NECESSITY OF TRUTH

NIV - Buy the truth and do not sell it - wisdom, instruction and insight as well.

KJV - Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

I. _____ IS THE FOUNDATION - OF SOCIETY AND OUR PERSONAL LIVES

Without an objective standard of right and wrong, you end up with a society like at the end of Judges 21:25 – “no King in Israel, every one did what was right in their own eyes”. If there is no _____ – if there is no objective standard of right and wrong – _____ follows.

A. God’s Truth is the source of _____. The ability to see something from God’s viewpoint - what He requires, and seeing the relationship between unnecessary problems and disobedience to God’s principles.

B. God’s Truth is the source of _____.
Understanding: responding to life situations from God’s viewpoint. Knowing how to _____ God’s principles.

C. God’s Truth is the source of instruction in wise behavior. (training, rearing and guiding a child to _____.)

II. WHEN THE TRUTH OF GOD IS LOST, _____ FOLLOWS

Prov. 29:18: KJV – “Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.”

NIV - Where there is no revelation, people cast off restraint; but blessed is the one who heeds wisdom’s instruction.

New Living Translation - When people do not accept divine guidance, they run wild. But whoever obeys the law is joyful.

Contemporary English Version - Without guidance from God, law and order disappear, but God blesses everyone who obeys his Law.

Good News Translation - A nation without God's guidance is a nation without order. Happy are those who keep God's law!

Truth, or chaos – that seems to be the choice.

III. DON’T SURRENDER _____ Prov. 19:27 – “(if you) Stop listening to instruction...and you will stray from the words of knowledge.” In other words, KEEP LISTENING TO GOD’S TRUTH!!

II Timothy 3:16, 17 – “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: ¹⁷ That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

Doctrine – what God _____ of us – “here’s how to live”

Reproof – when we get off track – “here’s where you missed it”

Correction – how to get back on track – “here’s how to get back”

Instruction – education on how to live daily – “here’s how to live your life”

Perfect – _____!

Furnished – equipped/adequate to do what God wants you to do

HOLD ON TO THE TRUTH! DON’T GIVE IT UP!

II Chron. 15:3 – “For a long time Israel was without the true God, without a priest to teach and without the law.”

v. 4 – “in their distress they turned to the Lord, the God of Israel, and sought Him, and He was found by them.”

