

## The Belt of Truth Pt. 2

**Proverbs 23:23 (NIV) — (23)** Buy the truth and do not sell it; get wisdom, discipline and understanding.

**John 8:31–32 (NIV) — (31)** To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. **(32)** Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

**Ephesians 6:14 (NIV) — (14)** Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,

**John 18:37–38 (NIV) — (37)** “You are a king, then!” said Pilate. 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. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.” **(38)** “What is truth?” Pilate asked. With this he went out again to the Jews and said, “I find no basis for a charge against him.

**Psalms 15:1–2 (NIV) — (1)** LORD, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill? **(2)** He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart

**Psalms 31:5 (NIV) — (5)** Into your hands I commit my spirit; redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth.

**Romans 1:20–25 (NIV) — (20)** For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. **(21)** For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. **(22)** Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools **(23)** and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. **(24)** Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. **(25)** They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

**John 1:14 (NIV) — (14)** The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**John 14:6 (NIV) — (6)** Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

**John 17:17 (NIV) — (17)** Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

**2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV) — (15)** Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

**2 Timothy 2:15 (The Message) — (15)** Concentrate on doing your best for God, work you won’t be ashamed of, laying out the truth plain and simple.

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**Ephesians 4:25 (NLT) — (25)** So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body.

**Zechariah 8:16 (NLT) — (16)** But this is what you must do: Tell the truth to each other. Render verdicts in your courts that are just and that lead to peace.

### **I) How Do We Put On The Belt Of Truth?**

**2 Corinthians 4:4 (NIV) — (4)** The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

**2 Thessalonians 2:9–12 (The Message) — (9)** The Anarchist’s coming is all Satan’s work. All his power and signs and miracles are fake, **(10)** evil sleight of hand that plays to the gallery of those who hate the truth that could save them. **(11)** And since they’re so obsessed with evil, God rubs their noses in it—gives them what they want. **(12)** Since they refuse to trust truth, they’re banished to their chosen world of lies and illusions.

### **II) Why Do We Put On The Belt Of Truth**

**Ephesians 4:14 (NIV) — (14)** Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.

**2 Timothy 2:3–4 (The Message) — (3)** When the going gets rough, take it on the chin with the rest of us, the way Jesus did. **(4)** A soldier on duty doesn’t get caught up in making deals at the marketplace. He concentrates on carrying out orders.

**John 14:6 (NIV) — (6)** Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

**Hebrews 4:15–16 (NIV) — (15)** For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. **(16)** Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

### **III) The Truth Comes With Consequences**

#### **IV) The Truth Will cause Confrontation**

**2 Corinthians 6:2 (NIV) — (2)** For he says, “In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.” I tell you, now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation.