**The Truth**

What is the most valuable commodity on earth? No, it’s not “prescription drugs”! “Time”? While it is limited and somewhat precious, I think there is something more valuable than time. Hint: it is something that is free, but can cost you everything. It is something precious to some, and of know real importance to others. It is **truth**…

**Has *value:***

* “Buy the truth, and do not sell it.” Prov.23:23
* It is *“the pearl of great price”-* or at least integral to it, Matt.13:44-46
* It is *“imperishable”* and does not *“fade away,”* 1Pet.1:23 (Matt.6:19-21).

**Can be *known, understood,* and *practiced:***

* Pilot thought it was hard to *discern- “What is truth?”* John 18:38
* It can be *known*, John 8:32a

The *exact truth* can be known, Luke 1:4

* And once *known,* one can *abide* in it, John 8:32b
* Thus, it can be both *known* and *practiced,* John 3:21; 1John 1:6

**But truth can also be:**

* *Repudiated,* Acts 13:46
* *Suppressed* in *unrighteousness,* Rom.1:18
* *Exchanged* for a *lie,* Rom.1:25
* *Strayed from,* 2Tim.2:18 (if not *handled accurately,* vv.14-15)
* *Opposed,* 2Tim.3:8
* *Turned aside* from for *myths,* 2Tim.4:4

**Truth has *inherent power:***

* To save, Eph.1:13 (ifwe *listen* and *believe*)
* To *edify,* Eph.4:15-16 (when it is *spoken* and practiced *in love* to *one another*)
* To *gird,* Eph.6:14 (when we *stand firm* in it)
* To *sanctify* and *save,* 2Thess.2:13-14 (*called through* it, v.14, but must have *faith in* it to be *sanctified* and *saved* by it)
* To make one an *enemy* by its *speaking,* Gal.4:16 (the *sword of the Spirit* can *separate/divide* family, friends, and even brethren)

**But the bottom lines is that *truth* must be:**

* *Loved,* 2Thess.2:10
* *Obeyed,* 2Thess.2:12