

When people see you misrepresenting Christ, they might say:



"You're supposed to be a Christian and you're smoking a cigarette!"



"You're supposed to be a Christian and you're flirting with your co-worker when you're married!"



"You're supposed to be a Christian and your telling lies to your boss!"



"You're supposed to be a Christian and you aren't even trying to get a job...that's being sluggard!"

9) What offensive Truth did Peter have to preach to the people on the Day of Pentecost? -Acts 2:22-24.

1 - Peter preached to those who were guilty of having Jesus killed: "Jesus of Na__reth, a man app__ved of God.....ye have taken, and by w__ked hands have cru__fied and sl__n: Whom God hath r__sed up, having loosed the pains of d__th."

*Note: This message of Truth would lead to imprisonment, persecution and eventually death, yet the apostles still faithfully gave the message! We're living in a time when many pastors are afraid to speak the Truth and to let the Power of Truth do it's important work of purification!

10) Though, some might feel that the Apostles message of Truth was too offensive, what was the result? How did many respond? -Acts 2:37, 38, 41.

1 - "Now when they heard this, they were pr__ed in their h__rt, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and br__hren, wh__ shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, R__ent, and be b__tized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ."

2 - "Then they that gladly rec__ved his word were b__tized: and the same day there were added unto them about th__e tho__and s__ls."

*Note: When the people heard the Truth preached, their hearts were pricked! The word "pricked" means to pierce through and to agitate violently. The Truth pierced through the lies and deceptions of the Jewish leaders! It stripped away all the clothes of false religion and tradition and **violently AGITATED THEIR SOUL!** This amazingly lead to three thousand souls being converted in one day! That is the **POWER** of Truth!

11) As Satan used the Jewish leaders to hide the Truth from the people, what does the Bible say the little horn power would do to the Truth in our present time? -Daniel 8:11, 12.

1 - "Yea, he [little horn] magnified himself even to the prince of the host,....and it c__st d__n the tr__th to the ground; and it practised, and prospered."

*Note: In modern times, Satan is using the "little horn", which represents the Roman Papacy, to cast the Truth to the ground. The Papacy has substituted God's Truth with tradition and false doctrine. If you want to experience the Power of Truth, you must study the Bible for yourself, instead of trusting in popular religions and preachers.

Appeal) Will you let the power of Truth do it's work of purification in your heart and share it to others so they can experience it too? ____.

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The **MOST POWERFUL** book one could ever read is the Holy Bible. The Bible is different than any other book that's out there in that it's author is the Holy Ghost. The words in the Bible have power because it's Truth! What type of power does Bible Truth have and how can it change your life? Does Truth really have the power to help you overcome your sins? Complete this lesson with KJV Bible and find out!

1) What 3 definitions does the Bible give for Truth? -John 14:6; 17:17, Psalms 119:151.

- 1 - Jesus says, " I am the way, the t__h, and the l__e: no man cometh unto the F__her, but by me."
- 2 - "Thy w__d is tr__h."
- 3 - "Thou art near, O LORD; and all thy c__m__nd__nts are __uth."

*Note: The **MOST** important Truth one could ever know is the Truth about how to be saved from sin and eternal death. Truth is defined as Jesus, the Biblical Word of God and the Ten Commandments. We must fully understand these three aspects of Truth to be saved. Notice that John 17:17 also says that we are sanctified by the Truth. The word "sanctify" means to make holy and to purify. Bible Truth is so powerful that your mind begins the process of purification just by reading it!



2) What must we do in order to be completely purified by the Truth? -1 Peter 1:22.

- 1 - "Ye have pu__fied your s__ls in o__ying the t__th through the S__rit."

*Note: We are purified by **NOT** just reading Truth, **NOT** just intellectually knowing Truth, but by obeying Truth! Sin begins in the mind, which is why it's essential for us to spend time daily storing our minds with Truth! "Satan well knows that all whom he can lead to neglect prayer and the searching of the Scriptures, will be overcome by his attacks. Therefore he invents every possible device to engross the mind." -White, E.G. *The Great Controversy*, pg. 519.



Beware of things that distract us from Truth!

3) How does Truth purify us? -Hebrews 4:12.

1 - "The word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a divider of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

*Note: The Bible says the Word of God is "quick." The Greek word is "zao", which means life. The Word of Truth gives spiritual life and power to overcome all sin! That spiritual life comes from the Holy Spirit and is what causes you to CARE about your soul's salvation, to care about your body -- the temple of the Holy Ghost and to care about doing right! Notice also that the Word pierces to the "dividing asunder of soul and spirit." The Word "asunder" means apart. Our soul must be divided apart at some point in our life in order for us to be ready for heaven. Why must it be divided apart? Because before one knows and accepts Truth, their soul is joined and connected to Satan! That relationship must be DIVIDED ASUNDER!



The Word is as a two-edged SWORD!

4) What does the Bible say about the strong man and the Stronger than he? -Luke 11:21, 22.

1 - "When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace."

2 - "When a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils."

*Note: In this parable, the Strong Man = A Demon. The Palace & House = the soul of man. The Stronger than He = Jesus (See 1 John 4:4). The Spoils (goods / possessions) = thoughts, actions and character. This parable is telling us that when your soul is under the possession of a demonic spirit, your thoughts and actions are at peace with the demon and there's NO conflict! The Stronger than He (Jesus) comes in there and brings conflict within the soul as the soul hears Truth. Notice that in order for you to be purified by Truth and fit for heaven you CANNOT continue to be at peace with the Devil, but instead your soul and spoils must be "divided asunder" by the Power of Truth!



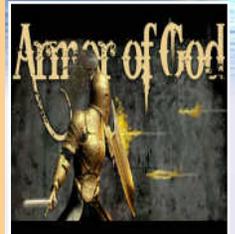
*Note: As you continue studying the Word of God, the Stronger than he, Jesus, will take more and more of your sins and defects of character. This will, hopefully, lead you to surrendering all your life to Jesus and permanently evicting the demon from the soul!

5) When the sinner has been set free from the strong man (a demonic force), does he give up on his attempts to take possession of your soul? -Luke 11:26.

1- The Strong Man "taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last..."

....state of that man is worse than the first."

*Note: According to this text, the demon will leave you alone for a little while, but he patiently waits for you to lower your guard and to carelessly neglect study and prayer. Then, when you least expect it, the Demon will attack you with seven other evil spirits more wicked than himself! This is why we must stay prayed up and studied up! We must put on the WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD so that when the 7 other spirits come, we will be fully prepared to face Satan's spiritual attacks!



6) What does the Truth do to every creature (person)? -Hebrews 4:13.

1 - "Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do."

*Note: If we want to be purified from sin and ready for heaven, all of us have to be completely exposed by the Word of Truth! Notice that all things are "naked" before God because the Power of Truth. Naked means you don't have any clothes on! Satan likes to clothe and hide sinful habits and deformities of character with excuses, worldly arguments and beliefs!

*Examples of Satan's clothing / excuses: "I'm an alcoholic because my parents were alcoholics." "I got this bad temper because my ex-husband was abusive." "Nobody's perfect." "The Bible was written by man." "I don't think God is real." "God is in everyone or everything." These are the clothes that people wear over their sins to make them appear acceptable to society! Satan will even clothe our sinful defects of character in a religious robe: Some say as a means to justify their sins: "I'm once saved, always saved." "I'm covered by the righteousness of Jesus"

7) Does the Righteousness of Jesus cover any of our cherished sins? -Proverbs 28:13.

1 - "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."

*Note: The robe of Christ's righteousness never covers cherished sins. The conditions for forgiveness is we must confess and forsake our sins.

8) What does the Bible say about Satan's devices? -2 Corinthians 2:11.

1 - "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices."



*Note: *The Devil's devices, traps and tactics to destroy your soul need to be EXPOSED by the Word of Truth on a daily basis! What happens if you're NOT studying and being exposed and purified by the Word and you're claiming to be Christian? Someone in the church or often someone in the world, who knows the Word, will expose you! It's much better and less embarrassing to be exposed first hand by the Word of Truth than second hand by others who notice our character defects.