

FEAR OF THE TRUTH

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In a world where science and discovery are the backbone of all our technology and living, 'truth' is perhaps the most feared of all findings. There is part of us that knows right and wrong and good and evil, but while we are ignorant of God's truth, we can feel safe, because we are measuring ourselves against flawed mortals. However, once the truth is revealed to us, there is no place to hide and no excuse to justify our wrongs. It is this fear that has led to humanities greatest failings... spiritual ignorance and spiritual death.

Below are a few uncomfortable, yet wise quotes from famous people and a corresponding scripture.

"An age is called Dark, not because the light fails to shine, but because people refuse to see it." James A. Michener. JOH 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. **20** For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. *Ignorant fear of Godly truth is a disaster for humanity.*

"We are all born ignorant, but one must work hard to remain stupid." Benjamin Franklin. 2TIM 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; *The spirit leads into truth... not our egos or our worldly desires.*

"Being ignorant is not so much a shame, as being unwilling to learn." Benjamin Franklin. HEB 3:8 Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: *The Israelites saw the greatest of all blessings ever shown to them, but foolishly concluded it was all too hard. They didn't even bother to ask God what his longer plans included.*

"No drug, not even alcohol, causes the fundamental ills of society. If we're looking for the source of our troubles, we shouldn't test people for drugs, we should test them for stupidity, ignorance, greed and love of power." P.J. O'Rourke. EPH 4:17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, **18** Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the **blindness of their heart:** **19** Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. **20** But ye have not so learned Christ; *Godless, self imposed human weaknesses and a 'victim' mindset, have prevented most people from reaching lasting and permanent goals... all the other problems are the symptom, not the cause of their misery and unhappiness.*

"Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing ever happened". Winston Churchill. ISA 28:11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. **12** To whom he said, **This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest;** and this *is* the refreshing: **yet they would not hear.** **13** But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken. *Humanity continues to reject God given scriptural signs, blessings and vastly superior lifestyles.*

"The hardest thing to explain is the glaringly evident which everybody has decided not to see." Ayn Rand, 1THE 5:2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. *Humanity has largely ignored the ways of God for 6000 years, despite miracles and wonders and a comprehensive list of prophetic and scientific revelations in the bible, but the return of the Lord will destroy all human ignorance.*

"We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light." Plato. LUK 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, **18** To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. *The Lord knows how to open eyes and cancel fears... but the light has to shine before any changes can be made. Our testimony is the light that God depends on before he can work many of his saving miracles.*

What light are you going to shine in the darkness this week? Whose heart are you going to fill with the resolution of God? ... it always works best if you start with yourself, then step out and teach others.