

Dear God...How do I know what is True?

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2 Timothy 4:3-4

3 For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

John 8:32

[Jesus said] "you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

We know what is true because...

1. JESUS ALWAYS SPEAKS TRUTH

Jesus is recorded as saying "I tell you the truth..." 78 times.

We know what is true because...

2. satan NEVER SPEAKS TRUTH

John 8:44

"You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

We know what is true because...

3. GOD'S WORD IS THE TRUTH PROCLAIMED

2 Peter 1:16-2:3

16 We did not follow cleverly invented stories ... but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 19 And we have the word of the prophets made more certain... 20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. 21 For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. 2:1 ... there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. 2 Many will follow their shameful ways and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. 3 In their greed these teachers will exploit you with stories they have made up. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them...

2 Timothy 3:15-17

15 ... the holy Scriptures, ... are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

John 17:17

"Sanctify them (the disciples) by the truth; your word is truth."

We know what is true because...

4. THE HOLY SPIRIT REVEALS TRUTH

John 16:13

"But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth."

We know what is true because...

5. JESUS IS THE TRUTH

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

CONCLUSION:

We live in a world with 2 competing worldviews.

- satan (the father of lies) LEADS TO DEATH.

Proverbs 14:12

There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

John 8:44

"... there is no truth in [the devil]. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

- AND JESUS (the Truth) LEADS TO LIFE.

John 10:10

"The thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy. I have come that you may have life and have it to the full."