

**Life in the Word Series:**

**The Balance of Grace  
and Truth**

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# **Lesson Ten: Tell the Whole Truth**

**John 1:14, And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.**

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**1 Kings 21:3, King Ahab wanted Naboth's vineyard, but Naboth refused to sell it to him, saying, "The LORD forbid that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to you!"**

**1 Kings 21:10, Ahab's wife Jezebel intervened, calling on the elders of the city to find two "scoundrels" (verse 10) to provide false testimony that Naboth had committed blasphemy, a capital crime. The assembled people then stoned Naboth to death.**

**"To tell the truth, the whole truth  
and nothing but the truth."**

**“The Truth”**

**Witnesses are reminded that they  
cannot tell falsehoods.**

**"The Whole Truth"**

**Not leaving out important details.**

**We can lie by telling only partial truths.**

**Matthew 4:7, "It is written again," He declared, "You shall not tempt the LORD your God"**

**“And Nothing But The Truth”  
Don't add unnecessary details.**

**Psalm 15:1-2, Lord, who may abide in  
Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in  
Your holy hill? He who walks  
uprightly, And works righteousness,  
And speaks the truth in his heart.**

**“Those who live with God should  
love Truth.”**

**"ONE WHO SPEAKS TRUTH"**

**Psalm 15:2**

**Proverbs 12:22, The Lord detests  
lying lips, but He delights in people  
who are trustworthy.**

**Matthew 5:37, But let your 'yes'  
mean 'yes,' and your 'no' mean 'no.'  
Anything more than this is from the  
evil one.**

**Reference Scripture:  
Ephesians 4:20-25**

**Ephesians 4:20-25, But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, And that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another.**

**True followers of Jesus Christ Learn,  
Live, and Love the Truth.**

**1. True Followers of Jesus Christ**  
**LEARN the Truth**  
**John 16:13**

**John 16:13, When the Spirit of Truth comes, He will guide you into all the Truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come.**

**Acts 17:11, They received the word with all eagerness,  
examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things  
were so.**

**2. True Followers of Jesus Christ LIVE  
the Truth.  
3 John 1:3**

**3 John 1:3, It gave me great joy when some believers came and testified about your faithfulness to the truth, telling how you continue to walk in it.**

**Psalm 86:11, Teach me Your way, O LORD, I will walk and live in Your truth; Direct my heart to fear Your name [with awe-inspired reverence and submissive wonder].**

**3. True Followers of Jesus Christ  
LOVE the Truth.  
Proverbs 23:23**

**Buy the truth and do not sell it—  
wisdom, instruction and insight as  
well.**

**Proverbs 23:23**

**“If you tell the truth, you don’t have  
to remember anything.”**

## Follow Up Chat Questions:

1. Do you consider partial truth a lie? Explain.
2. Did Satan speak truth when he tempted Jesus in the wilderness?
3. "Speech is a mark of integrity and righteousness." How so?
4. What are the three statements about Truth mentioned in today's lesson? Explain
5. What is meant by "Buy the Truth" and "Do not sell It"
6. What is significant about the "Belt of Truth"?
7. What resonated most regarding today's lesson?