

The Amazing Power of Truth and Error

Introduction

A. Truth and error have been invested with the amazing power.

B. The Creator of all things -- the True and Living God -- has built into all His creation the powerful principle that knowing and doing the truth -- or error -- will produce astonishing results.

C. In some cases the person involved **becomes** like the truth they speak and practice -- or they take on the character of the error they speak and practice.

1. When people speak and practice righteous -- we know them -- in their character to be honest and righteous people. Truth become powerful and character forming!
2. When people speak and practice unrighteousness -- we know them -- in their character to be dishonest and unrighteous people. Error become powerful and character forming!

I. Some Scripture Passages that Teach this Truth

Prov 15:2,4 --

Prov 18:21 --

Jer 17:10 --

John 8:32 --

Rom 2:6 --

Gal 6:7,8 --

II. This Truth is Found in the Proclamation and Belief of the Gospel.

When the Gospel is preached (a statement of truth) and one believes it and makes the appropriate response of **honest and spiritual** confession (Yes, Lord God, I confess that I am a sinner, I surrender to You and repent of my sin, and do now -- receive by faith Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior). As a result an amazing and powerful series of events transpire: the person -- once guilty is now forgiven -- once in the Kingdom of Darkness is transferred to the Kingdom of Light -- and instead of being on the way to Hell, is now on the way to Heaven! And, all because of an honest statement!

Comment: Note the significance of confession with the mouth and believing in Rom 10:9,10 or believing and then speaking in 2 Cor 4:13

III. The Biblical References to "Speaking" may be significant in Regard to this Principle.

"Speak to that rock before their eyes and it will pour out its water." Num 20:8

"Prophecy to these bones and say to them" Ezekiel 37:4

"But just say the word, and my servant will be healed." Matt 8:8

"If you have faith ... you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." Matt 17:20

III. This Truth is Found in the Principle of Freedom from Sin and Satan.

A. Freedom from the power of sin.

Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey--whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. Rom 6:16-18

Comment: Notice: **“Obeyed the form of teaching”**

B. Freedom from the power of Satan.

Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Eph 6:17

Comment: The word **“word”** in this verse refers to **“a spoken word.”** Therefore the principle is -- when we **speak the Scripture** -- in an honest confession as a part of our commitment to God -- that statement is taken by the Holy Spirit and used as a sword against our enemy! Note how clear this is also seen in Rev 12:11.

*They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and **by the word of their testimony**; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. (Emphasis mine)*

IV. This Truth is Found in the Practice of Every-Day Life.

A. Science, for example -- when successful -- is a practice of truth.

The doctor is told by the patient of a sickness. The doctor, from his training, knows there is a medicinal cure for that sickness. He **practices the truth** by giving the patient the medicine that relates to that sickness. And -- as a result -- the sickness is cured. If the doctor, for some reason, gives the patient a medicine that **does not apply to that sickness (a relationship based on error)** then the patient remains sick.

B. The correct preparation of food -- when successful -- is a practice of truth.

The cook combines certain ingredients that relate to a specific goal. If, for example the goal is bread, then only certain ingredients are mixed according to a known pattern. If the ingredients and pattern are correct -- then you get a nice loaf of bread. It is a practice of truth. However, if error becomes involved -- the result may not be palatable.

Conclusion: The imperative is clear: we must know, believe, speak and do the truth!