

WALK in LOVE and TRUTH (2 JOHN)

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FAITH BIBLE CHURCH – POSTCARD EPISTLES

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INTRODUCTION

When should you tell a kind old lady to stop being so hospitable? And how should you do it?

1. PURSUE _____ IN LOVE AND TRUTH (vv. 1-3)

¹The elder to the elect lady and her children,
whom I love in truth,
and not only I,
but also all who know the truth,
²for the sake of the truth
which abides in us
and will be with us forever:
³Grace, mercy and peace will be with us,
from God the Father
and from Jesus Christ,
the Son of the Father,
in truth and love.

John 17:17

Personal notes:

2. PRACTICE _____ IN LOVE AND TRUTH (vv. 4-6)

⁴I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in truth,
just as we received commandment from the Father.

⁵Now I ask you, lady,
not as though I were writing to you a new commandment,
but the one which we have had from the beginning,
that we love one another.

1 John 2:7-8

John 13:34-35

⁶And this is love,
that we walk according to His commandments.
This is the commandment,
just as you have heard from the beginning,
that you should walk in it.

John 14:15

3. PERFORM _____ IN LOVE AND TRUTH (vv. 7-11)

⁷For many deceivers have gone out into the world,
those who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh.
This is the deceiver and the antichrist.

1 John 4:1-3

1 John 2:22-23

⁸See to yourselves,
that you do not lose what we accomplished,
but that you may receive a full reward.

2 Corinthians 5:10

⁹Anyone who goes too far
and does not abide in the teaching of Christ,
does not have God.

1 Corinthians 4:6

The one who abides in the teaching,
he has both the Father and the Son.

¹⁰If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching,
do not receive him into your house,
and do not give him a greeting,

1 Peter 4:9

Hebrews 13:2

¹¹for the one who gives him a greeting participates in his evil deeds.

Titus 1:10-11

4. PLAN _____ IN LOVE AND TRUTH (vv. 12-13)

¹²Though I have many things to write to you,
I do not want to do so with paper and ink;
but I hope to come to you and speak face to face,
so that your joy may be made complete.

¹³The children of your elect sister greet you.

PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS

1. FAITHFUL SHEPHERDS MUST _____ THE SHEEP ABOUT WOLVES
2. EVANGELIZE THE LOST, BUT DON'T _____ FALSE TEACHERS
3. DISCERN WHAT ARE _____ DOCTRINES AND WHAT ARE NOT
4. IT IS _____ TO AVOID THE TRUTH
5. DON'T BUY INTO THE SECULAR WORLDVIEW THAT SAYS, "TRUTH IS _____"
6. TRUTH ISN'T _____; TRUTH _____.
7. LOVE IS NOT AN _____.
8. GOOD _____ DO NOT MAKE YOUR ACTIONS RIGHT
9. SPEAKING THE TRUTH DOES NOT GIVE YOU LICENSE TO BE _____.

FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

1. How loving and truthful does God expect your walk to be? Are other people encouraged by your faithful walk?
2. Why should we keep God's commands? How do His commands relate to love?
3. In what practical ways can you help others apply biblical truth to their lives? How will you do it in love?
4. What so-called "preachers" and "authors" do you suspect of meeting the Bible's criteria for false teachers and antichrists? Are you supporting them in any way? Does your silence support them?
5. What are the essential biblical teachings about Jesus Christ and the gospel? Do you have any trouble believing any of these? Why and why not?