<u>Series</u>: Honoring God in the 10 commandments <u>Title</u>: A Witness Worth Bearing <u>Text</u>: (Ex 20:16)

Theme: Truth, or Face the Consequences

TorC was a Tv Game Show when I was a kid. If you got the ? wrong, you faced the Consequences Performing a Zainy Stunt on TV for Laughs.

What is Absolute Truth? Absolute~Free from imperfection; complete; perfect: Free from restriction or limitation; Not mixed, adulterated, or partial, but pure: Complete; outright:

Truth~The actual state of a matter: Conformity with fact or reality. A verified or indisputable fact.

We have Abandoned Absolute Truth for narratives that favor our Feelings & Personal Gain.

As a Society, we are Drunk on our own feelings & desire to create our own subjective Truths.

"Well, that's your Truth." The Truth is not owned by anyone Human being.

God is the source of all Truth. (Jn 1:17) For the law was given by Moses, but grace and <u>truth came by Jesus Christ</u>. (Ps 31:5) Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, <u>O LORD God of truth</u>.

We can Truth God's Word Because God Cannot Lie:

(Deut 32:4) (Titus 1:2) *which God, that cannot lie,* (Ps 146:6) *which keepeth truth for ever:*

<u>To Deny the Bible is to Deny Truth</u>. *God's Word is Truth* (Ps 119:1142) (Ps 119:151) (Ps 119:160)

To Deny God's Truth is to Deny God Himself.

(Ps 138:2) *for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy* <u>name.</u> (Jn 14:6)

Today, we don't even know what the Truth is:

America is Facing the Consequences of abandoning Truth 1962 SCOTUS ruled Prayer Unconstitutional in schools. 1963 SCOTUS ruled Bible reading Unconstitutional school 1968 SCOTUS ruled Creationism Only as Unconstitutional Evolution had tobe taught in schools as a theory w/o evidence 1987 SCOTUS ruled the demand for both to be taught as Unconstitutional.

As a Society, we are dealing with the Consequences of denying God's Absolute Truth.

People don't know Who they are. People don't know What they are. People don't know Where they are going.

We are Saved By God's Truth: (James 1:18) We are Sanctified By God's Truth: (Jn 17:17) (Jn 17:19) We are His Disciples If Continue in God's Truth:

(Jn 8:31-32)

Jesus is the Father of Truth. <u>Satan is the Father of all Lies</u>: (Jn 8:44b) <u>We Are never more like Satan than when we Lie or</u> <u>Mishandle the Truth</u>: (Jn 8:44a)

He destroyed a good man with a lie: (Gen 3:1) We Destroy good people when we lie.

Satan casts Doubt on the Word of God, then He outright Denies the Word of God. - (Gen 3:4)

We become like the devil when we deny the Bible:

"I don't care what the Bible says" or.... "I know what the bible says, but...." Congratulations Satan Jr. - WAY TO REPRESENT! You have deceived yourself, & Deceived Others. Nice Job.

Satan Impugns the Character of God: (Gen 3:5) For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. Satan lied by using the Truth.

We are Impugning the Character of God when we Lie.

Satan Impugns the Character of God & a Godly Man: (Job 1:6-11)

9th Com: <u>We are Commanded to not Lie</u>: (Ex 20:16) WHY?

Because we are Never more like Satan than when we Lie. We are destroying Good people when we Lie. We are Casting Doubt on God's Word when we lie. We are Impugning the Character of God when we lie.

We are bringing death to the lives of those around us: (Rom 5:12)

We Are Commanded to Tell the Truth: (Eph 4:25)

We are like Satan when we lie.

We can lie by our tone of voice. "*Oh Really*" We can lie with our Eyes & Eye Brows. (roll your eyes) We can lie with our body language. ('Humph' cross arms) We can lie by our silence. (make the IDK gesture)

We are like Satan

When we Speak Critically of Others. When we Impugn someone's Character to another. How Are we Helping the Cause of Christ!

<u>The Reason we can Speak Truth is b/c we have put on the</u> <u>New Man</u>: (Eph 4:22-25)

<u>Maybe this is why you have so much trouble with</u> <u>speaking the Truth</u>: You Need to Be SAVED!

Evil people turn away from the Truth: (2 Timothy 4:4)

The wicked resist the Truth: (2 Timothy 3:8)

Evil people are destitute of the Truth: (1 Timothy 6:5)

God Delights in us when we Tell the Truth: (Prov 12:22)

The Opposite of Truth is Hypocrisy:

We Should acknowledge God's Truth as Truth:

(2 Timothy 2:25) *Truth in Us is by our Acknowledgement of the Truth in God.*

We Should Believe God's Truth: (2 Thessalonians 2:12-13)

We Should Obey God's Truth: (Gal 3:1)

We Should Love God's Truth: (2 Thessalonians 2:10)

We Should Manifest God's Truth in Our Lives:

(2 Corinthians 4:2) We are Morally bound to God by our Salvation to Live, Speak, Show forth God's TRUTH!

When We Lie to our Children we run our children straight into the arms of the devil.

Not just in the things we Say/Don't Say, but in how we live. *Our children will become what we are not what we say.* (1 Jn 2:4)

God's Truth Should be manifested in Our Love for Others (1 Jn 3:18)

There was a time when the label "Christian" meant something, and it is high time we took back the meaning of that word to mean what God says a Christian out to be.

<u>Truth Lovers, Truth Keepers, Truth Workers, Truth</u> <u>Speakers.</u>

Christians are not to gossip or speak critically of other people. Makes you a liar and you're no more Christian than Satan. (James 4:11)

Do you ever ask your children to live for you?

You were supposed to get something they needed at school, and you tell them to go to school and tell the teacher that you forgot.? That's a lie.

(Gal 4:16)

Meditate upon Truth: (Philippians 4:8)

<u>Make Truth an Inseparable Part of US</u>: (Proverbs 3:3) <u>The fruit of the Spirit is in Truth, be filled with it!</u> (Ephesians 5:9)

God's servants should speak Truth: (2 Corinthians 12:6)

God's servants should Teach Truth: (1 Timothy 2:7)

We Prove to the World that God is Real by our honesty (2 Corinthians 6:7-8)

Lying puts us under God's Judgement: (Rom 2:8-11) Tell THE TRUTH!

The Opposite of a False Witness is a Faithful Witness:

(Acts 1:8)

We are a False Witness when we keep silent! We are telling others that we are not a Christian. We are Denying our True Identity in Christ by our silence. We are Denying God's truth, (HIS WORD) by our silence. We Are Denying God's Existence by our silence.

We have Become FALSE WITNESSES.