

MYTHS OF MISERY

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We've all been taught certain myths as we grow up and most of them are frankly, harmless. But there are some myths that are extremely harmful.

There are just all kinds of things that we've heard and absorbed, that the world has taught us that just aren't true: Myths about yourself, myths about God, and myths about life and the future and money and sex and relationships, myths about heaven and hell. Some of those bring with them some extremely negative consequences.

One myth that undergirds so many of the others is "it doesn't matter" what you believe as long as you're sincere." Have you ever heard that? Sure, you have. It doesn't matter what you believe as long as you're sincere. That sounds so mature, that sounds so accommodating, so politically correct. But the problem with this commonly accepted cliché is, it's absurd. It's absolutely ridiculous, it's naive and it's irrational.

As you go through life, you'll find that so many times there are beliefs that are antithesis of each other; they can't both be true, that's just an impossibility. A few weeks ago, my wife and I had arranged via phone to be at a certain place at a certain time. You know how busy we get, a two-car family kind of thing, and I misunderstood. I believed I was to meet her at a certain place at a certain time and that's not what she believed. Now is it all right to believe

whatever you believe as long as you're sincere? We were both sincere, but we never rendezvoused. It cost us both about three hours out of our day. You see you can be sincere, but you can be sincerely wrong.

I was channel surfing the other night and came across the middle of a movie about some terrorists who had gotten in and rearranged the computer and the radar signals for major airports. In this fictitious movie an airplane was coming in to land. The pilot thought they were 300 feet above the ground when in fact as they came through the clouds, the runway was there and they crashed and burned. But you see the pilot thought he was 300 feet above...he was sincere. He was just sincerely wrong.

There are beliefs that we encounter that, if we don't correct them, will cause us to crash and burn. There are some very simple principles about belief. Some of these are going to seem elementary and fundamental, that's because they are. Some of these we aren't even conscious of, but let's go right to the root and build on it.

You choose what you believe.

It's true that there are numerous influences on our lives, but nobody forces you to believe anything. If I don't want to believe something, I don't have to. If I want to believe in something, I can. Nobody can stop me. If I want to believe the Bible is the word of God, I can believe that, and I do. If the Republicans and the Democrats are at an impasse, you can choose to believe the Democrats, or you can choose to believe the Republicans. It doesn't make any difference; you can choose to believe whatever you want.

Nobody forces you to believe anything. The point is you can't blame anybody else for what you believe. My parents, my teachers, and my peers influenced my beliefs, but they didn't control them. This is a key point as we analyze the beliefs that we have. You may find you've embraced a belief that's been wrong for years, but you can change that belief.

God said in Proverbs 8:10 "Choose my instructions, instead of silver." In Romans 1:25, Paul talks about some depraved godless people and said, "They exchanged the truth of God for a lie." Do you see the two things these verses have in common? The idea is choice, choosing what you believe.

Your beliefs control your behavior.

In other words, they determine how I act. Proverbs chapter 4 verse 23 states, "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the well-spring of life." I like the way the Good News translation renders this particular proverb, "Be careful

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Sonke safundiswa izinganekwane ezithile njengoba sikhula futhi iningi lazo alinangozi, alinangozi. Kepha kunezinganekwaneeziyangozi kakhulu.

Kukhona zonke izinhlobo zezinto esizizwile futhi esizizwile, ukuthi umhlaba usifundise lokho akulona iqiniso:

Izinganekwane ngawe, izinganekwanengoNkulunkulu, nezinganekwanenangobudlelwano,izinganekwane ngezulu nangesihogo. Abanye balabo abaletha nemiphumela emibi kakhulu.

Iinganekwane eyodwa ebikahlakele kakhulu kwabanye "akunandaba" lokho okukholelwayo inqobonje uma uqotho. " Wake wakuzwa lokho? Impela, unayo

Njengobauqhubekangempilo, uzothola ukuthi izikhathi eziningi kakhulu kunezinkolelo ezingokomfanekiso womunye

nomunye; Ngeke zibeyiqiniso, lokho kumane nje kuyinto engenakwenzeka. Emasontweni ambalwa edlule, mina nomkami sasihlelele ngocingo ukuba sendaweni ethile ngesikhathi esithile. Uyazi ukuthi simatasa kangakanani, uhlobo lomndeni

wezimoto ezimbili, futhi angizangenzisise. Bengikholwa ukuthi ngizohlangana naye endaweni ethile ngasikhathi esithile futhi akuyona lokho akukholwayo. Manje konke kulungile ukukholelwa noma yiniyokholelwayo inqobonje uma uqotho?

Sobabili saba qotho, kepha asikaze siboshwe. Kusilahlekisela sobabili cishe amahora amathathu osukwini lwethu. Uyabona ukuthi ungaba qotho, kephaungahle unephuthangokweqiniso.

Bengisesikebheni sokushisa ngobunye ubusuku ngafika maphakathi ne-movie mayelananamaphekula athile athole

ngaphakathi futhi uhlele kabusha ikhompyutha kanye nezimpawu ze-radar zezindiza ezinkulu zezindiza. Kule movie eqanjiwe indiza

ungene ezweni. Umshayeli wendiza wacabanga ukuthi bangamamitha angama-300 ngaphezu komhlaba lapho befika khona Amafu, kwakukhona i-runway futhi bashayeka futhi bashisa. Kepha ubona umshayeli wendiza wacabanga ukuthi

unamamitha angama-300 ngaphezulu ... Wayeqotho. Wayenephuthangobuqotho.

Kunezinkolelo esihlangabezana nazo, uma singazilungisi, zizosenza sishaqé futhi sishise. Kunezimiso ezithile ezilula kakhulu ngokukholelwa. Ezinye zalezi zizobonakala ziyisisekelo futhi ziyisisekelo, yingoba zinjalo. Ezinye zalezi asizizi nokuthi, kepha ake siqonde ngqo empandeni futhi sakha phezu kwaso.

Ukhetha okukholelwayo.

Kuliqiniso ukuthi kunamathonyaamaningezimpilwenizethu, kepha akekho okuphoqa ukuthi ulutholelwe noma yini. Uma ngingafuni ukukholwa okuthile,angidingi. Uma ngifuna ukukholelwa entweni ethile, ngiyakwazi.

Akekho ongangivimba. Uma ngifuna ukukholwa ukuthi iBhayibheliliyiZwi likaNkulunkulu, ngingakukholwa lokho, futhi ngiyakwenza. Uma amaRepublicans namaDemocrats asesimweni sokungemthetho, ungakhetha ukukholelwa ama-Democrats, noma ungakhetha ukukholelwa amaRiphabhulikhi. Akuwenzi mehluko;

Ungakhetha ukukholelwa noma yiniyofunayo.

Akekho okuphoqa ukuthi ukholwe lutho. Iphuzu ukuthi awukwazi ukusola noma ngubani omunye ngalokhookukholelwayo. -Okwami Bazali, othisha bami, nontanga yami bathonya izinkolelo zami, kodwa abazilawulanga. Leli yiphuzu eliyisihluthulelonjengoba thina Hlaziya izinkolelo esinazo. Ungathola ukuthi wamukele inkolelo ebingalungileiminyaka, kephaungashintsha leyo nkolelo.

UNkulunkuluwathi kuzAga 8: 10 "Khetha imiyalo yami, esikhundleni sesiliva." KumaRoma 1:25, uPawulu

ukhuluma ngabantu abangamesabi uNkulunkulu ayengamesabi uNkulunkulu, wathi, "Bashintshana iqiniso

likaNkulunkulu ngamanga." Uyazibona lezi zinto ezimbili la mavesi afanayo? Umqondo uwukukhetha, ukhetha okukholelwayo.

Izinkolelo zakho zilawula indlela oziphatha ngayo.

Ngamanye amagama, banquma ukuthi ngisebenza kanjani. IZaga isahluko 4 ivesi 23 lithi, "Ngaphezu kwakho konke okunye, qapha inhliziyi yakho, ngobayi-Phezu kwentwasahlobo yempilo." Ngithanda indlela i-Good News Translation inikeza lesahluko esithile, "qaphela

what you think, for your life is shaped by your thoughts." That's exactly right. The old King James Version says, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

There is a belief behind every single action that you take in life? When you sit down in a chair, you believe consciously or unconsciously that it's going to support your weight. Now for some of us that could take a great act of faith, but that's the belief. When you went out to your car this morning, put the key into the ignition and turned it, you believed the car was going to start. Every action we take has a belief behind it. The problem comes when my beliefs are wrong; because my beliefs will still determine my behavior.

Look at some practical applications. If you believe that you are an ornery person, how do you think you're going to act? Pretty ornery. If you believe you are a clumsy person, you'll find yourself stumbling over everything. If you believe you can't trust anybody else, you're going to go through life looking at everybody suspiciously. You'll act like they can't be trusted. If you believe that you cannot understand the Bible, you'll never read it. If you believe that God doesn't really care about you, you will not pray. If you believe God is out to get you, you will do everything you can to avoid God. See every action you have has behind it a corresponding belief. The point is, that even if your beliefs are wrong, they affect your behavior, so all our beliefs must be examined.

The world bombards us with false beliefs.

I mean bombards us. One place to find these is the checkout line in the grocery store. Look over the Enquirer and Globe headlines. Every week there's a new cure for cancer, if you will just eat this the cancer will go away. I'd like to believe that, except right beside that article is one about the latest alien to visit Earth. A preacher friend of mine clipped out one I really enjoyed. It said, "New Discovery – Fat Burning Prayers." The whole article said, "You just pray these prayers, and the pounds will melt away."

It's hard to know what to believe anymore, isn't it? We used to say, "I'll believe it when I see it." But you can't even trust that anymore. Technology has come up with a thing called, "Virtual Reality." They blend fact and fiction so that you can't tell the difference such as the movies Forrest Gump and Jurassic Park. So, we really can't determine if what we see is real or not. The following are my own top ten myths that are fostered on these television talk shows. They are not funny. But these are some cultural myths that people are buying into without exception.

- . My happiness comes before my responsibility.
- . You'll be happy if you get what you want. That's a lie.
- . The world owes you a living and happiness.
- . All beliefs are equally valid.
- . You can have it all. No, you must sacrifice something.
- . There is never any reason to feel guilty.
- . You shouldn't have to wait for anything.
- . Man is basically good and unselfish.
- . All your problems are somebody else's fault.
- . The answer lies within you because we're all God.

Propagated on talk shows is If the answer was within me, I would have figured it out a long time ago. Wouldn't you?

You see those are the kinds of things that over and over again, we're hearing. Over 2,000 years ago when he was in his 90's the apostle John warned "Dear Friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God" and "For everything in the world - the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does, comes not from the Father but from the world." The world is bombarding us with false beliefs.

There are False beliefs.

A belief doesn't have to be true to affect your happiness and your emotional stability. If somebody ran in through one of the doors right now and began yelling, "Fire! Fire!" but there's no fire. It wouldn't make a lot of difference

Ocabangi,ngobaimpiloyakhoibunjiwe yimicabangoyakho. "Kunjalo impela. Inkosi yakudalayeNkosi uJames ithi," njengoba umuntu ecabangaenhliziyweni yakhe, unjalo. "

Kunenkolelo ngemuva kwayoyonke isenzo esisodwa osithathayoempilweni? Lapho uhlala phansiesihlalweni, uyakholelwangonembeza noma ngokungazi ukuthi kuzokweseka isisindo sakho. Manje kwabanye bethu

abangaba nesenzo esikhulu sokholo,kepha lokho kuyinkolelo. Lapho uphuma uye emotweni yakhonamhlanje ekuseni, faka ukhiye ekulahliseni futhiwakuguqula, ukholelwa ukuthi imoto izoqala. Zonke izenzo esizithathayo zinenkolelo ngemuva kwaso. Inkinga iza lapho izinkolelo zami zingalungile; Ngoba izinkolelo zami zisazokwazi ukunquma indlela engiziphatha ngayo.

Bheka ezinye izinhlelo zokusebenza ezisebenzayo. Uma ukholwa ukuthi ungumuntuophikisayo, ucabanga ukuthi

uzokwenza kanjani? Umhlobiso omuhle. Uma ukholelwa ukuthi ungumuntuogxekayo, uzozithola ukhubeka phezu kwakho konke. Uma ukholelwa ukuthi awukwazi ukwethemba omunye umuntu, uzodlula empilweni ubhekawonke umuntu

ngokusolangokukhululeka. UZOBENZA NJENGOBA AKUFANELE bathembeke. Uma ukholwa ukuthi awukwazi ukuqonda iBhayibheli, awusoze walifunda. Uma ukholwa ukuthi uNkulunkulu akakukhathaleli ngempela,ngeke uthandaze. Uma

ukholelwa ukuthi uNkulunkulu uphume ukukuthola, uzokwenza konke ongakwenzaukugwema uNkulunkulu. Bona zonke izenzo onazo ngemuva kwayo inkolelo ehambelana nayo. Iphuzu ukuthi, ukuthi noma ngabe izinkolelo zakho zimbi,

zithinta indlela oziphatha ngayo, ngakho-ke zonke izinkolelo zethu kumele zihlolwe.

Umhlaba wonke ugwaza ngezinkolelo zamanga.

Ngiqonde ukuthi sinamabhomu. Indawo eyodwayokuthola le umugqa wokuphuma esitolo sokudla. Bheka phezu

kwe-EXquirer kanye ne-Globe Headenlines. Njalo ngesonto kukhona ikhambi elisha lomdlavuza, uma uzovele udle lokhu umdlavuza uzohamba. Ngingathanda ukukukholelwa lokho,ngaphandle kokuthi ngakwesokudla eceleni kwalo mbhalo kungenye mayelana nomfokazi wakamuva wokuvakashela uMhlaba. Umngane wami ongumshuwaliki wakhipha enye ngayijabulelangempela. Yathi, "Ukutholwa okusha - Imikhuleko Evuthayo Evuthayo." Isihloko sonke sathi, "Nithandaza nje le mikhuleko, futhi amakhilogremu ancibilike."

Kunzima ukwazi ukuthiyini okufanele uyikholwe,akunjalo?Sasithi, "Ngizoyikholwalaphongiyibona." Kepha

awusakwethembi lokho. Ubuchwepheshe selifikile nento ebizwa ngokuthi, "Iqinisoelingokoqobo." Bahlangananeqiniso nenganekwane ukuze ungatsheli umehluko njengama-movie forrest gump kanye ne-jurassic park. Ngakho-ke, asikwazi ukubona ukuthiyiniesiyibonayo ingokoqobo noma cha. Lokhu okulandelayokuyizinganekwaneeziyishumi eziphezulu eziyishumi ezikhuthazwe kule mibukisoyezaziso zethelevishini. Azihlekisi. Kepha lezi ezinye zezinganekwane zamasiko abantu abathengangaphandle kokukhetha.

Injabuloyami iza ngaphambi kwemfanelo yami.

uzojabula uma uthola okufunayo. Lawo manga.

Umhlaba ukukukweleta impilonenjabulo.

Zonke izinkolelo zisebenza ngokulinganayo.

Ungaba nakho konke. Cha, kufanele udele okuthile.

Akunasizathu sokuzizwa unecala.

Akumele ulinde noma yini.

Umuntu ulungile futhi awunabugovu.

Zonke izinkinga zakho ziyiphuthalomunye umuntu.

Impendulo ilele ngaphakathi kwakho ngoba sonke singuNkulunkulu.

Kusatshaliswa imbukiso yenkulumo uma impenduloibingaphakathi kimi, ngabe ngiyitholile kudala. Ubungeke wena?

Ubona lezo zinhlobo zezinto eziphindaphindwakaningi, esizwayo. Eminyakeniengaphezu kuka-2 000 eyedlule lapho esekhona

Umphostoli ujhane waxwayisangokuthi "banganeabathandekayo, awukholwa wonke umoya, kepha ahlale imimoya ukubona ukuthi bayabona yini ukuthi bayabona yini bavela kuNkulunkulu "futhi" ukuze bonke emhlabeni - izinkanuko zesono, inkanukoyamehlo akhe nokuqhosha

Lokho anakho futhi akwenzayo, akuveli kuBaba kodwa emhlabeni. "Umhlaba usibhoboza ngezinkolelo zamanga.

Kunezinkolelo zamanga.

Inkolelo akudingeki ukuthi ibeyiqiniso ukuthinta injabuloyakhonokuqina okungokomzwelo kwakho. Uma othile egijima

ngaphandle komunyweminyangonjengamanje futhiwaqala ukumemeza, "umlilo! Umlilo!" Kepha akukho mlilo. Bekungeke kwenze umehluko omkhulu

for a lot of us, because as soon as you heard somebody that emphatically screaming that alarm, you'd believe it. Then a number of things would happen. Your pulse would become rapid, your blood pressure would elevate, your muscles would tighten, and your stomach would begin to secrete acid. You would become just a nervous wreck, great emotional turmoil, even though it's not true.

That happens all the time in everyday life, and you don't even realize it. You worry about things that are not true. You're afraid of things that aren't real. You rely on things to give your life meaning and purpose that never were designed to do that. The result is confusion and misery. So even if a belief is not true, it still causes emotional turmoil in your life. If you want to overcome stress, guilt, anger, worry and emotional problems, you've got to clarify and correct the misbeliefs in your life.

I found a statement by a psychologist, Dr. Chris Thurman. He said, "Truth is the road map for negotiating the difficult challenges of life. Without it we get lost and develop emotional problems that tell us we're lost. We often settle for half-truth or no truth at all because it's easier." That's a great line, he's right. There are some made by psychologists I don't agree with, but I think he is right on target. He also said, "But truth is the only road to emotional health, there is no other path." That's a great quote, but Jesus had a better one. It was more powerful and more concise and said essentially the same thing. "You shall know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

The goal of this series of lessons is to expose the lies that we've been taught and that some of us have bought into. We're going to also unveil the truth, and the truth will set you free from those things that bring misery to your life.

The only source of absolute truth is God.

Mark that well. He is the only source of absolute truth. "I, the Lord, speak the truth; I declare what is right," from Isaiah chapter 45 verse 19. Jesus, who was the Son of God, was God come in the flesh. John said, "I am the way, I am the truth, and I am the life. No one comes to the Father except by me."

The fundamental question that you need to ask yourself and every human being has to ask whether you're a Christian or not is: What is going to be the authority of my life? What is going to be my standard? What is going to be my compass? What is going to be my guide? What am I going to base my life on?

You have got two options. You can base it on the world, or you can base it on the Word. You either have what man says, and man will say a million different contradictory things, or you can have what God says. You can build your life on what culture says, or upon what Christ says. Which of those two do you think is more reliable?

The problem is not just that man is often dishonest and will share outright lies; the problem with man is that we are so ignorant that even when we think we're telling the truth, we don't know all the truth. Newsweek magazine has a section called Conventional Wisdom. Have you seen that? Think about what that means. Conventional

Wisdom means it's wise today. Real wisdom is never conventional; real wisdom is eternal. One of the problems with man is we're always learning more. So, we have a hard time discovering what's infinitely wise.

I noticed something a few years ago that some of you can really relate to. Seventy-three million of us are Baby Boomer children who were raised on the second best-selling book of all time, second only to the Bible. Do you know what that book is? Dr. Spock's Baby Book. He wrote it, "How to Rear Your Children." An entire generation of Americans was brought up on that book. The only problem is that just a few years ago, in his seventies, Dr. Spock publicly held a press conference and he said, "Whoops! I was wrong." You were what? It's too late, I'm

dysfunctional. What do you mean you were wrong? An entire generation was reared on a man's theories and he comes to find out those were never correct in the first place. That's Conventional Wisdom.

The average life span of a science text used at the college level today is eighteen months. That's the lifespan of a science text. In that kind of environment, you don't put your faith in something that you can't depend upon

tomorrow, otherwise, you might think you're climbing the ladder of success and you find out it's leaning against the wrong wall.

Kwabaningikithi, ngobangokusheshanje lapho uzwa umuntu omemeza ngokuqinile lowo mhlaba, ubuyokukholwa. Lapho-ke izinto eziningi zizokwenzeka. Ukushaya kwakho kuzothuthuka, umfuthowegazi lakho uzophakamisa, wakho Imisiphaizoqiniswa, futhi isisu sakho sasiqala ukwenza i-acid. Uzobayingozinjeenkanyezi, isiphithiphithi esingokomzwelo esikhulu, yize kungenjalo.

Lokho kwenzeka ngaso sonke isikhathi empilweni yansukuzonke, futhi awukuboni nokuthi. Ukhathazeka ngezinto ezingezona iqiniso. Uyasaba izinto ezingezona ezangempela. Uthembela ezintweni ukunikeza impilo yakhonenjongo engakaze ibe

yakhelwe ukwenza lokho. Umphumela uba ukudideka nosizi. Ngakho-ke noma inkolelo engeyiqiniso, kusabangela ngokomzwelo Isiphithiphithi Empilweni Yakho. Uma ufuna ukunqoba ukucindezelwa, umuzwa wecala, intukuthelo,

ukukhathazeka nezinkinga ezingokomzwelo, kufanele ucacise futhi ulungisekungekholelwa kahle empilweni yakho.

Ngithole isitatimende ngodokotela wezengqondo, uDkt Chris Thurman. Uthe, "Iqinisoliyimephu yomgwaqo yokuxoxisanangezinselelo ezinzima zokuphila. Ngaphandle kwalo silahleka futhi sithuthukise izinkinga ezingokomzwelo ezisitshela ukuthi zilahlekile. Sivame ukuzinza ngeqiniso ngakho konke ngoba kulula." Lowo ngumugqa omkhulu, uqinisele. Kukhona ezinye ezenziwe ngezengqondo angivumelani nazo, kodwa ngicabanga ukuthi ulungile kulitshe. Ubuyewathi, "Kepha iqiniso ukuphela kwendlela eya empilweni yezomzwelo, ayikho enye indlela." Lesiyisilinganiso esihle, kepha uJesus wayengcono. Yayinamandla futhi imfushane kakhulu futhi yathiempeleni into efanayo. "Nizokwazi iqiniso, iqiniso lizonikhulula." Inhlosoyalolu chungechunge lwezifundo ukuveza amanga esifundisiwe nokuthi abanye bethu bathengile. Sizokwembula neqiniso, futhi iqiniso lizokukhulula kulezi zinto eziletha usizi empilweni yakho.

Ukuphela komthombo weqiniso eliphelele uNkulunkulu.

Phawula kahle lokho. Unguye kuphela umthombo weqiniso eliphelele. "Mina, NKOSI, ngikhuluma iqiniso; Ngimemezela okulungile," okuvela ku-Isaya isahluko 45 ivesi 19. UJesus, owayeyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, wayesekukhona uNkulunkulu enyameni. UJohanewathi, "Mina ngiyindlela, mina ngiyiqiniso, futhi mina ngingukuphila. Akekho oza kuBaba ngaphandle kwami."

Umbuzo oyisisekelo okudingeka uzibuze wona nawo wonke umuntu ofanele ubuze ukuthi u

UChristian noma chayile: Kuzobayini igunyalempilo yami? Kuzobayini indinganisoyami? Kuzobayini ikhampasi yami? Kuzobayini umhlahlandlela wami? Ngizobengisekelani impilo yami?

Unezinketho ezimbili. Ungayisekela emhlabeni, noma ungayisekela eZwini. Unokuningi okushiwo yindoda, futhi umuntu uzothi isigidi esihlukile esiphikisanayo, noma ungaba nalokho uNkulunkulu akushoyo. Ungakha impilo yakholuliphi isiko elikushoyo, noma kulokho okushiwo nguKristu. Yimuphi kulabo ababili ocabanga ukuthi uthembeke kakhudlwana?

Inkinga akuyonanjeleyo ndoda ivame ukungathembeki futhi izokwabelana ngamanga asobala; Inkinga ngomuntu ukuthi singazi kangako ukuthi noma sicabanga ukuthi sikhuluma iqiniso, asazi lonke iqiniso. I-Newsweek Magazine inesigaba esibizwa ngokuthi ukhulakanipha okujwayelekile. Uyakubonile lokho? Cabanga ukuthi kusho ukuthini lokho.

Ukhulakanipha okujwayelekile kusho ukuthi khulakaniphile namuhla. Ukhulakanipha kwangempela akukaze kube njalo; Ukhulakanipha kwangempela kungokwaphakade. Enyeyezinkingangendoda sihlala sifunda kabanzi. Ngakho-ke, sinzima ukuthola ukuthiyini ehlakaniphile ngokungapheli.

Ngabona okuthile eminyakeni embalwa edlule ukuthi abanye bakho bangaxhumanangempela. Abayizigidi

ezingamashumi ayisikhombisa nantathu bathi bayizingane ze-Baby Boomer izingane ezikhuliswe encwadini yesibili

ethengiswa kakhulu kunazo zonke isikhathi, okwesibili kuphela eBhayibhelini. Uyazi ukuthi lelo bhuku liyini? Incwadi

yezingane kaDkt Spock. Wayibhala, "Ungakhulisa kanjani izingane zakho." Isizukulwane sonke sabantu baseMelika

sakhuliswa kuleyo ncwadi. Inkingakuphela ukuthi eminyakeni embalwa edlule, ngamashumi ayisikhombisa edlule, uDkt Spock wabamba umphakathi ingqungquthelayabezindaba futhiwathi, "Wowoops! Bengingalungile." Ukubeyilokho?

Sekwephezakakhulu, angisebenzi. Ngabe usho ukuthini ukuthi unephutha? Isizukulwane sonke sakhuliswa emibonweni yomuntu futhi iza ukuthola lezo bezingakazezilungile kwasekuqaleni. Lokho ukhulakanipha okuvamile.

Isilinganisosokuphila okuphakathi kombhalowesayensi osetshenziswe ezingeni lasekolishi namuhla izinyanga eziyishuminesishiyagalombili. Leso yisikhathisokuphila kwe umbhalo wesayensi. Kulolo hlobo lwemvelo, awukubeki ukholo lwakho entweni ongeke uncike kuyo

Kusasa, ngenye indlela, ungacabanga ukuthi ukhuphuka isitebhisi sempumelelo futhi uthola ukuthi kuncike odongeni olungalungile.

What am I going to base my life on? Jesus said, "'Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.'" David said, "Your word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens." People, God's word has stood the test of time like nothing else ever has or ever will. You can trust it as your standard and your compass and your guidebook because it's not based on conventional wisdom, it's based upon the very character and ultimate knowledge of God. He is the only source of absolute truth.

Build your life on God's truth!

It's the key. Now God's truth is found on every page of the Bible. I encourage you to read every bit of it if you will. It is ultimately and most clearly embodied in Jesus Christ. Peter said One of the reasons Jesus came, is that he came to give us an example. A lot of us hear and a lot of us read, but most of us learn better when we actually see a model. Jesus was God come in the flesh. He said, "I am the way, I am the truth, and I am the life." In everything he said, in everything he did, in everything he was, it was the truth.

While recovering from knee surgery I decided to reread the gospels. I read Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, because if I'm going to teach you about truth, I want to know this man who said, "I am the truth." Eighty different times in Scripture, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth." Isn't that something? Eighty times, he says emphatically, I want you to hear this. Twenty different times, he said, "Now you've heard it said, but I want to say it to you." Do you know what he was doing? He was clearing up myths that bring misery. He said now here are things you've bought into, but now let me tell you the truth.

As you study things Jesus said and things that other biblical writers have shared with us that are true, commit to three things.

Have in your heart to commit to seeking the truth. "Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly." Later Paul warned Timothy, a young preacher, "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. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths."

The point is to test everything you hear, see, or experience against God's truth. The world, or people around me, may say "It's hot, it's the in thing, everybody's doing it," The truth may declare it's not okay. I could take too long right here giving you a classic example. Let me tell you what pops into my mind. Astrology and the psychic hotlines, those things have to be making millions of dollars, there are too many on television not to be. I'm sure most people dabble in those things, some of them are serious, some of them are for fun and some of them are just a joke. God's word says it's not funny. I can show you a dozen different passages that say it's wrong, it's evil, stay away from it. I test everything by God's word, even my own experience.

One of the things our generation believes in is personal experience. It's the ultimate truth. If I know it, feel it, or sense it, it's got to be the way it is. Now you think about that. If technology can create a virtual reality experience so lifelike that I can't tell if it's false, don't you think the devil can do the same thing? In fact, don't you think he's had that power for years, and years, and years? I test even the experience that I'm convinced I've had against the truth of God's word, and if the two clash, which do I accept? I accept the truth of God's word, Period. Just because you've experienced it doesn't mean it's right, true, or correct.

Most of us have seen the bumper sticker that says, "God says it, I believe it, that settles it." It's not a bad bumper sticker, but I've got a better one for you: "God said it, that settles it, whether I believe it or not." Whether I believe it or not, it doesn't make any difference; God said it, that's the way it is. Truth is truth whether I believe it or not.

The point is to seek it. But where do I seek it? Seek it in Christ. Jesus said, "I came to this world to testify to the truth."

Seek it in the word of God. The Bible says, "Thy word is truth." and flawless.

Ngizobengisekelani impilo yami? UJesu wathi, "'Izulu nomhlaba kuzodlula, kepha amazwi ami awasoze adlula.'" UDavidawathi, "Izwi lenu, likhona liqinile emazulwini." Abantu, iZwi likaNkulunkulu liye lalime uvivinyo lwesikhathi njengokuthi akukho okunye okwake kwakhona noma okuke kwenzeka. Ungasethemba njengendinganisoyakhonekhampasi yakho nencwadi yakhoyomhlahlandlelangoba ayisuselwa ekuhlakanipheniokujwayelekile, kusekelwe kulokho kanye nolwazi lukaNkulunkulu lokugcina. Unguye kuphela umthombo weqinisoeliphelele.

Yakha impiloyakho eqinisweni likaNkulunkulu!

Kuyisihluthulelo. Manje iqiniso likaNkulunkulu litholakala ekhasini lonke leBhayibheli. Ngikukhuthaza ukuba ufunde konke okuncane ngakho uma uzokwazi. Ekugcineni futhi kufakwe ngokusobala kuJesu Kristu. UPitrosi wathi esinye sezizathu uJesu eza, ukuthi weza ezosinika isibonelo. Iningi lethu lizwa futhi iningi lethu lafunda, kepha iningi lethu lifunda kangcono laphoempeleni sibona imodeli. UJesu wayeseza enyameni. Wayesethi: "Mina ngiyindlela, mina ngiyiqiniso, nami ngingukuphila." Kukho konke akushoyo, kukho konke akwenzayo, kukho konke ayeyikho, kwakuyiqiniso.

Ngenkathingilulamangokuhlinzwa kwamadolo ngingume ukufuthelela amaVangeli. Ngifunde uMathewu, uMarku, uLuka noJohane, ngoba uma ngizokufundisangeqiniso,ngifuna ukwazi le ndoda eyathi, "Mina ngiyiqiniso." Izikhathi ezingamashumi ayisishiyagalombili ezahlukeni embhalweni, uJesu wathi, "Ngiqinisilengithi kini." Akuyonayinileyo? Izikhathi ezingamashumi ayisishiyagalombili, usho ngokujulile, ngifuna ukuzwa lokhu. Izikhathi ezingamashumi amabili ezahlukeni, wathi, "Manje ukewakuzwa lokho, kodwa ngifuna ukukusho kuwe." Uyazi ukuthi wenzani? Wayehlazoizinganekwane eziletha usizi. Uthe manje zinezinto ozithengile, kephamanje ake ngikutsheleiqiniso.

Njengoba ufunda izinto uJesu asho nezinto abanye abalobi beBhayibheliabahlanganye nathi eziyiqiniso, bazibophezela ezintweni ezintathu.

Ube enhliziyweni yakho ukuze uzibophezele ukufuna iqiniso. "Akunakwenza lutho ngezinganekwaneezingaNkulunkulu kanye nezinganekwane zabesifazane abadala; Esikhundleni salokho, ziqeqeshenihiLoniphekile. "Kamuva uPawulu waxwayisa uThimothewu, umshumayeli osemusha," ngoba isikhathi siyofika lapho

Amadoda ngeke abekezelele imfundiso enomsindo. Esikhundleni salokho, ukuze zivumelane nezifiso zabo, zizobuthana zizungeze okukhulu

Inani lothisha lokusho ukuthi yiziphi izindlebe zabo zokubala abafuna ukuzwa. Bazosusa izindlebe zabo eqinisweni futhi baphambukeezinganekwaneni. "

Iqiniso ukuvivinya konke okuzwayo, niyabo, noma okuhlangenwe nakho ngeqiniso likaNkulunkulu. Umhlaba, noma abantu abangizungezile, angasho ukuthi "kuyashisa,yinto entweni, wonke umuntu uyayenza," iqiniso lingasho ukuthi alilungile. Ngingathatha isikhathi eside lapha ukukunikeza isibonelo esihle. Ake ngikutshele ukuthiyini ephumaemqondweni wami. Ukufundwa kwezinkanyezi kanye nama-hotlines we-psychic, lezo zinto kufanele zenze izigidizamadola,ziningi kakhulu

kuthelevishini ukuthi zingabi yikho. Ngineqiniso ukuthi iningi labantu liyancipha kulezo zinto, ezinye zazo zibucayi, ezinye zazo zenzelwe ukuzijabulisa kanti ezinye zazo zingamahlayanje. IZwi likaNkulunkulu lithi akuhlekisi. Ngingakukhombisa izindima ezihlukene eziyishumi nambili ezithi akulungile, kubi, Hlala kude nayo. Ngivivinya konke ngeZwi likaNkulunkulu, ngishonesipiliyoni sami.

Enyeyezinto isizukulwane sethu esikholelwa kuyo isipiliyoni sakhe. Yiqiniso lokugcina. Uma ngiyakwazi, ngizwe, noma

ngiyezwa, kufanele kubeyindlela. Manjeucabangalokho. Uma ubuchwepheshe bungadalaisipiliyonisangempela

esingokoqobo sifana nomuntu ophilayo kangangokuba angikwazi ukusho uma kungamanga,awucabangiyini ukuthi

uDeveli angenza into efanayo? Eqinisweni,awucabangi ukuthi unawo mandla eminyaka, neminyaka, neminyaka? Ngivivinya ngishonesipiliyoni sokuthi ngiyaqiniseka ukuthi nginalongeqiniso leZwi likaNkulunkulu, futhi uma lokhu kungqubuzana

kobabili, engikwamukelayo? Ngiyalamukela iqiniso leZwi likaNkulunkulu, isikhathi sikaNkulunkulu. Ngobanje ubonile akusho ukuthi kunjalo, kuyiqiniso, noma kulungile.

Iningi lethu libone isitikha esikhulu esithi, "UNkulunkulu usho lokho, ngiyakukholwa, lokho kuyakuxazulula." Akusona

isinamatheli esibi esibi, kephangibe nento engcono kuwe: "UNkulunkuluwathi, lokho kuyakuxazulula, noma ngabe

ngiyakukholwa." Noma ngabengiyakukholwa noma cha, akwenzi mehluko; UNkulunkulu ukusho, kunjalo. Iqiniso iqiniso lokuthi ngiyakukholwa noma cha.

Iphuzu liwukufuna. Kephangiyifunakuphi? Funa kuKristu. UJesu wathi, "Ngize kulomhlaba ukufakaza iqiniso."

Yifune eZwini likaNkulunkulu. IBhayibhelilithi, "Izwi lakho liyiqiniso." futhi angenaphutha.

Seek it through his church. Paul told Timothy, "You will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth."

Commit to believing and embracing the truth. It's not enough to seek it and it's not enough to know it, it has to be embraced. The word, "believe," is another word that popped out at me all the way through the gospel accounts. John 3:18, states, "Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son." Even the devil has an intellectual ascent of God, a belief and not an embrace.

Commit to living the truth. I seek, believe, embrace, and live it. I obey it. I do it. I start by obeying the gospel putting my trust in the good news that Jesus is truth personified, God who came into the world. This guidebook, His Word [The Bible], shares with us the simple way that's done. It starts with the belief that Jesus is God's son, a belief that leads to us confessing Him verbally, declaring to the world our allegiance to him. (Romans 10:9-10) It says once you have a commitment of your heart and your affection to him your whole obedience to the gospel is culminated by an experience called baptism, a physical immersion into water. Before Jesus' atoning death on the cross, He said to Nicodemus "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." "All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

That's the truth about your commitment to Jesus. That's the truth about how you start your life as a Christian, and how you become a Christian. From that commitment, you live loving him and walking in the light of God's truth.

But it's up to you. Remember you've got the freedom to believe anything you want to believe. But whatever you believe, the truth is still the truth.

But there is a great warning, "They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved." Somebody asked, "Will smoking send me to hell?" We do not know as God is a merciful Judge. God does not send anybody to hell; he lets everybody choose what they are going to believe and what they are going to do about those beliefs. But those who refuse to accept, love, and follow Christ are in danger of His judgment.

Yifune esontweni lakhe. UPowulawatshele uThimothi, "Uyokwazi ukuthi abantu kufanele baziphathe kanjani emndenini kaNkulunkulu yisonto likaNkulunkulu ophilayo, insika nesisekelo seqiniso."

Zibophezele ekukholelweni nasekunikezeni iqiniso. Akwanele ukuyifuna futhi akwanele ukukwazi, kufanele yamukelwe. Izwi, "kholwa," kungenye igama eliphuma kimi yonke indlela ngokulandela amaVangeli. NgokukaJohane 3:18, uthi, "Lowo okholwa kuyeakalahli, kepha noma ngubani

ongakholelwa ukuthi ulahlekelwe wukuthi ubengakholelwa egameni lendodana kaNkulunkulu okuwukuphelakwayo.

Zibophezele ekuphileni iqiniso. Ngiyakufuna, kholwa, ngimukele, futhi ngiphile. Ngiyayilalela.

Ngiyakwenza. Ngiqalango kulalela iVangeli elibeka ithemba lami ezindabeni ezinhle zokuthi uJesu

uyiqinisowalowo nalowo muntu, uNkulunkulu oweza emhlabeni. Le ncwajana, izwi lakhe [ibhayibheli],

lihlanganyela nathi ngendlela elula eyenziwe. Kuqalangenkolelo yokuthi uJesu uyiNdodana

kaNkulunkulu, inkolelo eholela kithi imvusa ngamazwi, ememezela umhlaba wethu ukuthembeka kuye. . Ngaphambi kokuba afe kabusha ukufa kukaJesu esiphambanweni, wathi kuNikodemu "Ngaphandle

kokuthi umuntu azalwe ngamanzi nangoMoya, akakwazi ukungena embusweni kaNkulunkulu." "Sonke esabhabhadiswa kuKristu Jesus abhathizwa ekufeni kwakhe? Ngakho-ke sangcwatshwa kanye naye ngobhathizo lokufa ukuze kuthiwe, njengobanje noKristu evuswa kwabafileyongenkazimulo kaYise, nathi singaphila impilo entsha."

Yiqiniso lelo ngokuzibophezela kwakho kuJesu. Le yiqiniso lokuthi uqala kanjani impilo yakhonjengomKristu, futhi

Uba kanjani umKristu. Kulokho kuzibophezela, uhlala umthanda futhi uhamba ekukhanyeni kweqiniso likaNkulunkulu.

Kepha kukuwe. Khumbula ukuthi uthole inkululeko yokukholelwa noma yini ofuna ukuyikholelwa. Kepha noma yini oyakholelwa, iqinisoliseyiqiniso.

Kepha kunesixwayiso esikhulu, "bayabhubhangoba benqaba ukuthanda iqiniso futhi basindiswe." Omunye ubuze, "Ukubhema kuzongithumela esihogweni?" Asazi njengoba uNkulunkulu engumahluleli onomusa. UNkulunkulu

akathumeli muntu esihogweni; Uvumelawonke umuntu ukuthi akhethe abazokukholwa nokuthi bazokwenzani ngalezo zinkolelo. Kepha labo abenqabayoukwamukela, uthando, nokulandela uKristu basengozini yesahlulelo sakhe.