

“Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world. They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the Spirit of Truth, and the spirit of error.” 1 John 4:4-6 KJV



The purpose of a dipstick is to monitor and verify engine oil level. The oil clings to it and it is premarked on its end to indicate the proper levels required for engine protection. Believers have a similar gauge of the Truth in others. God’s Word predetermines Truth is and by it we can know another’s faith by their obedience or lack thereof. Two believers who do not know one another can instantly find fellowship around Truth, because they know it and can share in it together. It’s called “fellowship.” If you try to discuss God’s Word with someone and they give you a blank stare, a sarcastic remark, or an unrelated answer, “*hereby we know!*” It’s not rocket surgery! Know God’s Word and know your enemies and friends. If you do not know God’s Word, you may think someone a friend who is actually a child of the devil. Jesus said, “*Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.*” If you walk in Truth, obey God’s Word, you may have to leave some relationships. Truth separates, because those who deny it will not want to be around or hear it. You will have to decide whether you love God and His Truth more than the friendship of the world. Sadly, many believers think they can do both, but Jesus said, “*He that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.*” Those who hob nob with the world and adopt its philosophies and values will deprive themselves of God’s provision and fellowship! Satan may have deluded you into thinking you can’t live without some friends or possessions, but the Truth is you can’t really “live” with them! “*Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.*” Truth may be relative with men, but it is Truth or lie with God! There’s no fence-riding with God!

The men who know the Truth will love,
To share in knowledge from above,
For they will know by spoken Word,
The ones who worship Christ the Lord. -CGP

The risen Christ had this to say: “*I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. As many as I Love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.*” Repent? Yes, repent! The gauge of spiritual health is your obedience by faith to God’s Word. Will you be ready to leave when Christ returns for His own, or will you, like Lot’s wife, be looking back?

“This Book of The Law shall not depart out of thy mouth (speech); but thou shalt meditate therein DAY AND NIGHT, that thou mayest observe to DO ACCORDING TO ALL THAT IS WRITTEN therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.” Joshua 1:8 KJV