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Proverbs 23:23

**Buy the truth, and sell it not;
also wisdom, and instruction,
and understanding.**

Welcome to our weekly Newsletter.

Today, we will focus on being Truthful.

As we aspire to grow in Christ, our Saviour, He urges us to to “follow him - as the Truth and the way ...’ John 14:6. But what does this really mean?



Have you ever been in a situation where you want to describe a particular situation where you misbehaved, but you know if you do this, you will land in trouble?



Or worse still, you want someone to get in trouble, and be punished - and you want to share the story, but you know, if you say you were part of the mischief, you will surely get a demerit? or a spanking from mommy/daddy?



Or Maybe, your part in the trouble that happened was so small, that surely if left out, it won't make a very big difference to mommy or daddy or the teachers. And you will be spared from punishment?

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Ellen G White speaks to “Truth being full of warmth, of evidence from the presence of Jesus... Truth is ... always lovely, and those who live the truth as it is in Jesus should study how to present the truth so that its loveliness may appear”. Manuscript 62, 1886.

When we find ourselves unkind in our words, or harsh to the receiver, or spiteful in our speech, selfish or self caring (only thinking of ourselves) as we speak of things that are happening, then we are only looking to preserve ourselves, and so, embellish the truth.

**TRUTH IS PRECIOUS,
IT ELEVATES AND
ENNOBLES. EGW**

Proverbs 23:23 calls us to “Buy” the Truth. Which means its an expensive thing to acquire. Worth treasuring. It has value - and He who has it is rich in deed. Same for Wisdom, for Instruction and Understanding. When you buy something, it belongs to you. Everyone who see's it can say, “Yes... That belongs to so and so...” or “Yes, that sounds like so and so...” Because it becomes part of you. So they expect you to use it, to demonstrate it.

EGW says that truth “ennobles” - in other words, it makes one noble. Which means, you belong by rank, title, or birth to aristocracy - (the highest position in society - So, Truth sets you apart - You belong in the same group with queens and kings, You are princes and princesses in God's Kingdom).



What does this mean?

This means, if we tell the truth, and not look to mix it with a little lie, to protect ourselves, or to hurt another person, or use it to get revenge, we truly demonstrate that we are children of God. Real aristocrats. Real noble girls and boys. And that is something to Treasure - worth more than gold, or silver or diamonds.

At the same time, by telling the truth - as it is - with kindness, and love, we are constantly showing each other the very nature of Christ. He, who is "the Way and the Truth..."

Otherwise, we show disdain for it - hence selling it - mixing truth with lies and or omission.; or telling it in a cruel or harsh way - which is selfish and not Christ-like. That version of truth is like a rose flower full of thorns. It might be beautiful, but it hurts .



"So, ask yourself - " As I am saying this,

- What is my intention?
- What outcome I'm I looking for?
- Is this for my selfish gain/ will I be happy to see them get punished?
- I'm helping the person get better?

But what if...

"But what if, by telling the truth, I will get in trouble?"

Yes..., this can happen... My advice..., Buy Wisdom - which comes from showing good judgement, and learning from experience. We may forgive the first offense, but one needs to learn (be instructed) and gain understanding so as not to keep doing the wrong things. So, maybe you will be corrected - but at Almasi, that will be done from a place of Love - Not to hurt you, but to build you. You will gain instruction - which are the steps on what to do in the future to keep you successful.

Our Values

At Almasi, we believe that we are F.I.A.C (Fierce).

We have Focus, Integrity, Ambition and Courage.

It takes all these four values to stand in Truth and for the truth at all times.

We have focus - and look for the good report, whatever things are true, whatever things are honest...(Phillipians 4:8)

We have integrity - and do things as unto the Lord, not as unto men (Colossians 3:23).

We have Ambition - we have wisdom and understanding, and do all with humility; knowing that our vision will come to be, it will not tarry (James 3:13 & Habakkuk 2:2-3) .

We have Courage - We are commanded not to be afraid, but to be strong and of good courage (Joshua 1:9).

So do not be afraid, no matter how tough things get - Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding. And our Father in Heaven, will look unto you with favor. Your cup run over, and goodness and mercy shall follow you, all the days of your life.