



KINGDOM COMPASS – PART 6

LIES AND DECEPTION

GALATIANS 1:6-7

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—⁷ which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ.

SIDE WITH THE TRUTH

JOHN 18:4-8

Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

³⁷ “You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, **the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.**”

³⁸ “What is truth?” retorted Pilate.

**Jesus is THE TRUTH. TRUTH is a PERSON, and you can know HIM.
Everyone on the side of TRUTH listens to Jesus.**

JOHN 8:42-47

Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I have come here from God. I have not come on my own; God sent me. ⁴³ Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. ⁴⁴ **You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.** ⁴⁵ **Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me!** ⁴⁶ Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don’t you believe me? ⁴⁷ Whoever belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.”

**The enemy is a liar, and the father of lies.
Lies are the work and tools of the enemy.
Don’t be an accessory to falsehood.**

DESIRE THE TRUTH

2 TIMOTHY 4:3-4

For the time will come when **people 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.** ⁴ **They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.**

Why would we prefer a lie over the truth?

**Embrace the pain of the truth.
Embrace the pain of letting go of the lies you happen to like.
Embrace the pain of repentance, surrender, and growth.**

SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE

EPHESIANS 4:14-16

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

With gentleness, kindness, and humility, we speak the truth to one another: encouraging, discussing, challenging—always seeking to grow in love to maturity in Christ.