

Spiritual Warfare

Full Armor of God

Lesson 07

Armed for Battle Belt of Truth

Ephesians 6:10-18

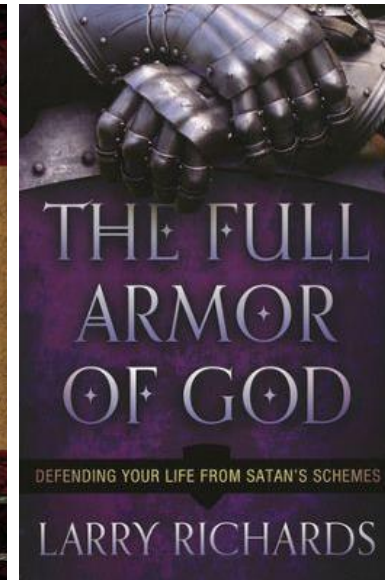
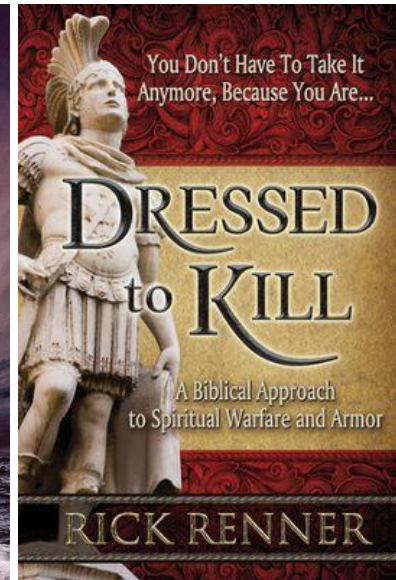
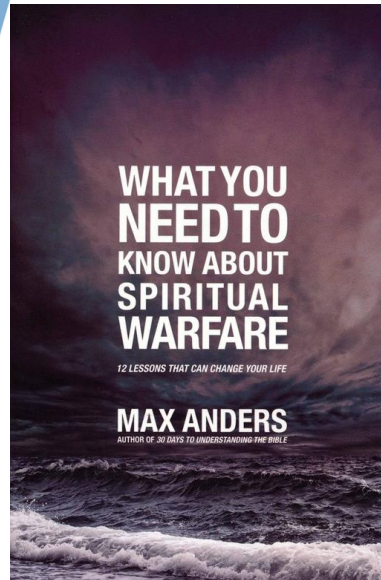
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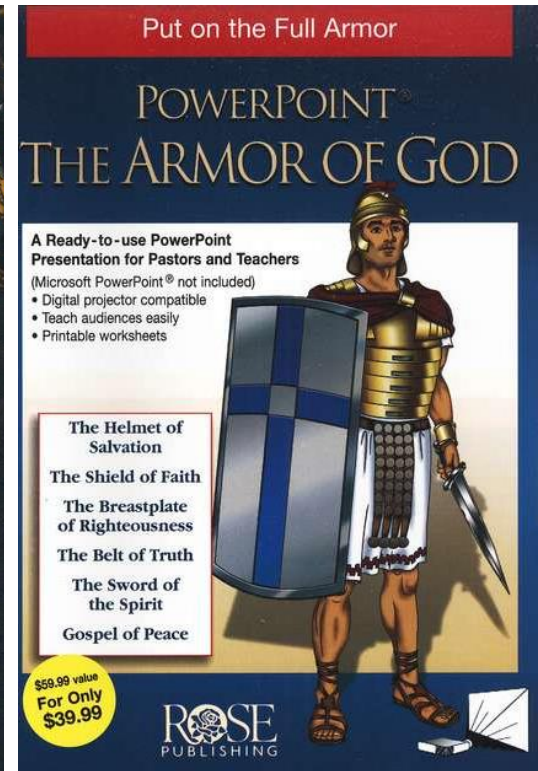
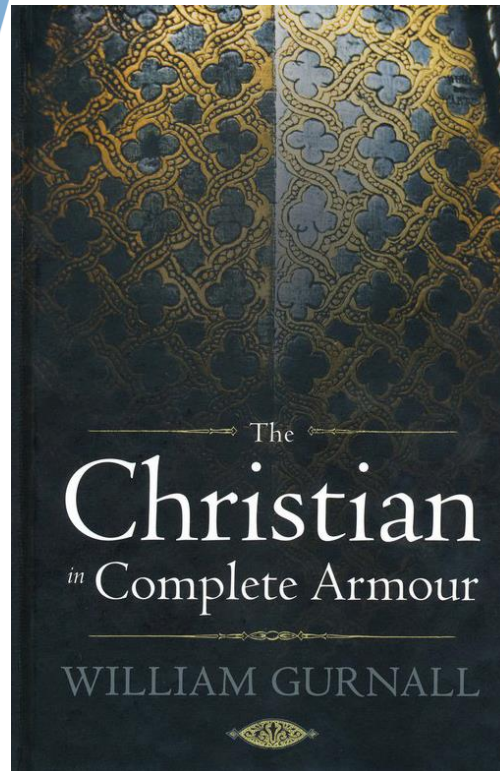


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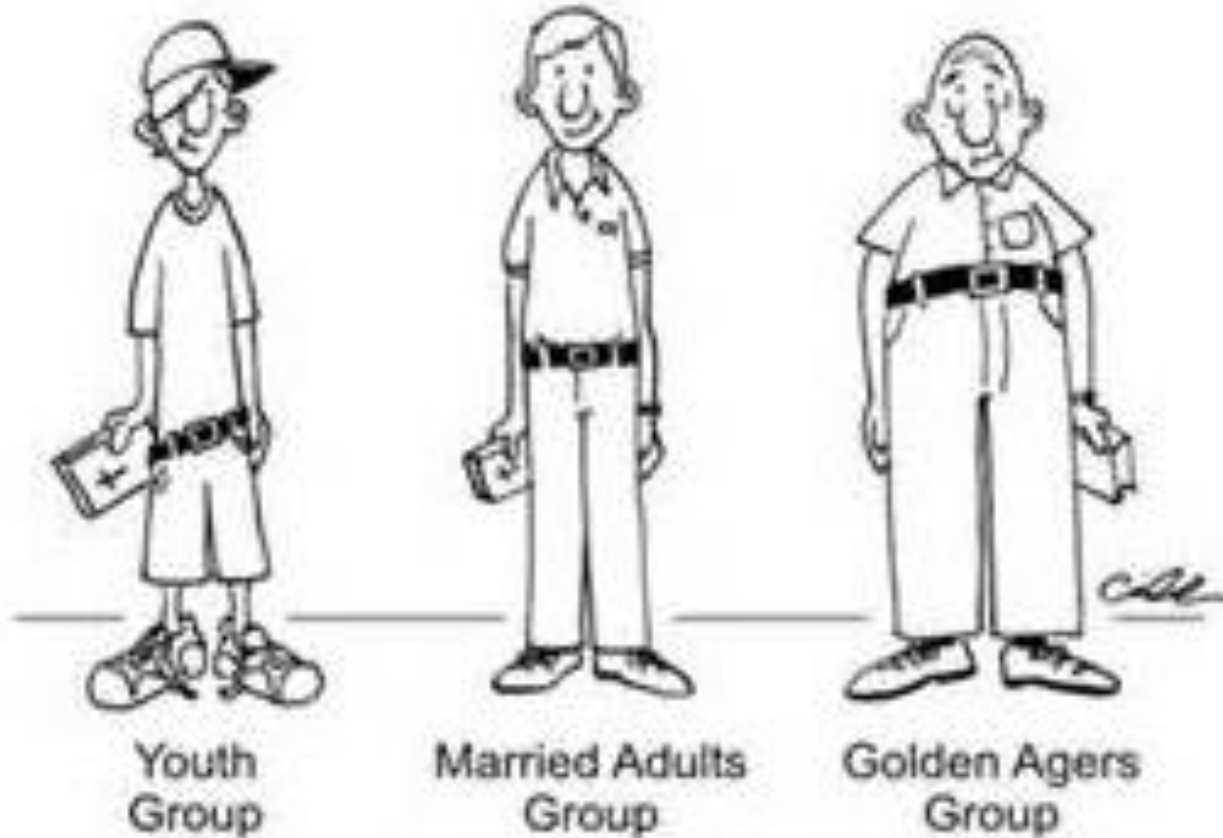




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"Belts of Truth"



Quote ...

"We are either in the process of resisting God's truth or in the process of being shaped and molded by his truth."

Charles Stanley

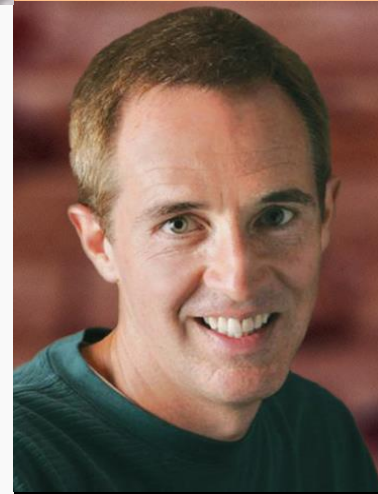


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WARFARE

The
WHOLE
ARMOR
of GOD

"PUT ON THE
FULL
ARMOR
OF GOD..."

- EPHESIANS 6:11



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ARE YOU READY FOR BATTLE?



Course Outline

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Armed for Battle:

BELT OF TRUTH

Scriptural Context

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Main Scriptural Text: The Whole Armor of God

THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

EPHESIANS 6:10-18

¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, **having girded your waist with truth**, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶ above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; ¹⁸ praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— ... NKJV

Spiritual Warfare --- Review

Armor Elements & Spiritual Truth

ELEMENT		RESOURCE	NT REFERENCE
Defensive	Belt	TRUTH	JOHN 14:6
	Breastplate	RIGHTEOUSNESS	2 CORINTHIANS 5:21
	Shoes	GOSPEL OF PEACE	PHILIPPIANS 4:6-8
	Shield	FAITH	GALATIANS 2:20
	Helmet	SALVATION	ACT 4:12
	Sword	THE SPIRIT	HEBREWS 4:12
	<i>Comms Gear</i>	PRAYING ALWAYS	2 THESSALONIANS 1:11-12

- First Five Armor Elements represent defensive capability
- Sixth Armor Element represents offensive capability
- Seventh Armor Element represents our continued planning, monitoring and control capabilities.
 - Command, Control, Communications & Intelligence [C³I]

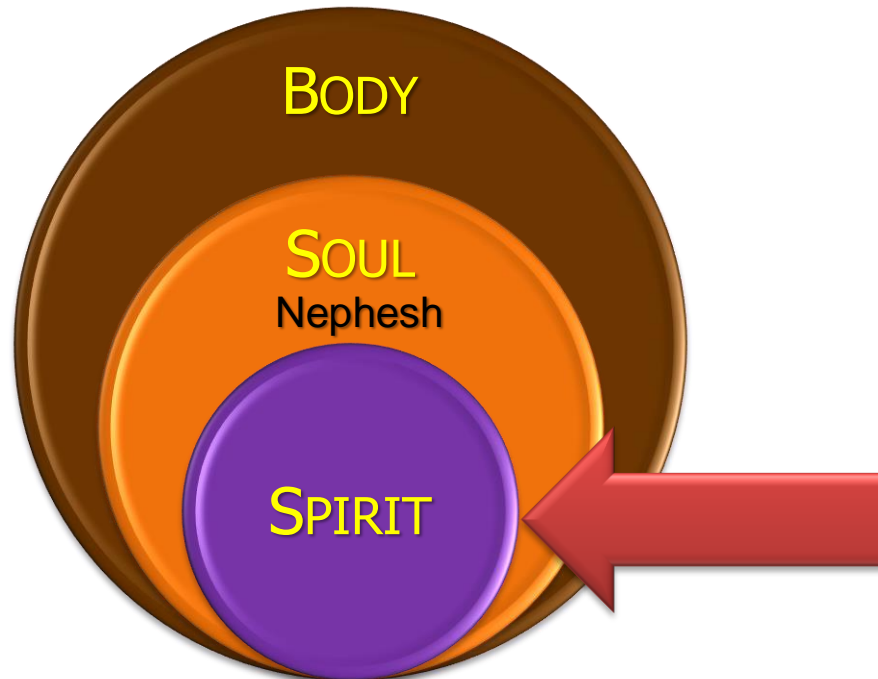


Spiritual Warfare --- Review

- **Category:** We are Engaged in a Spiritual War

War Item	Spiritual	Carnal	Reference
Weapons	✓		2 Corinthians 10:3-5
Adversary	✓		Ephesians 6:12; Colossians 2:15; 1 Peter 5:8-9
Armor (God's)	✓		Ephesians 6:11,13; John 4:24

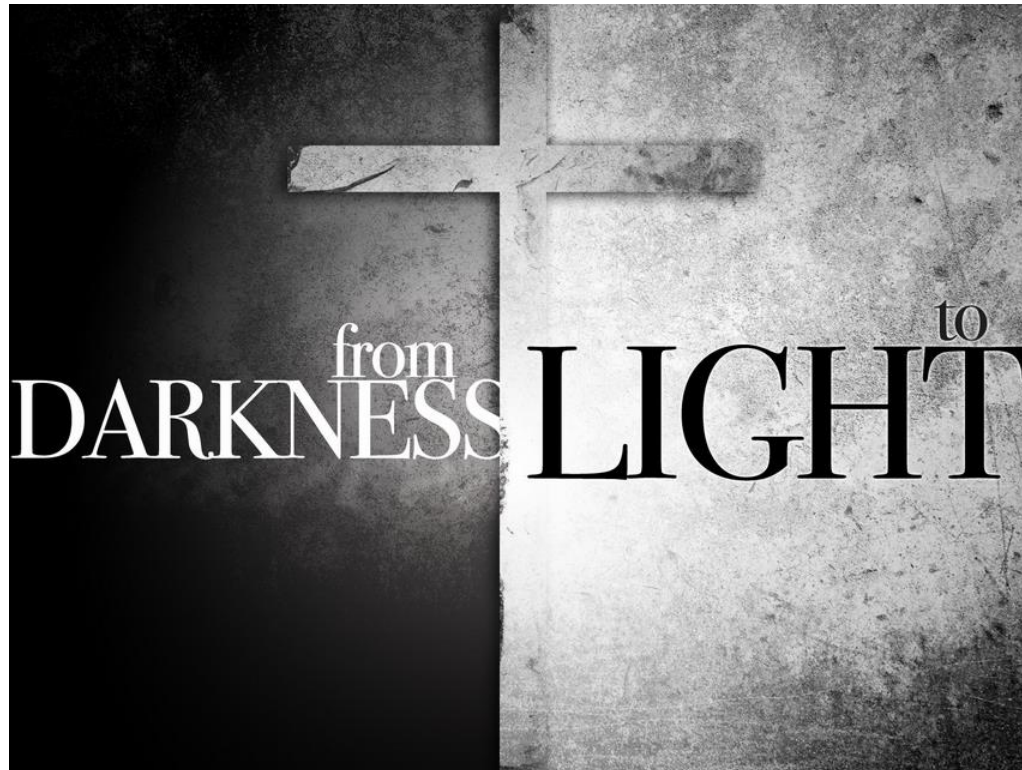
- Nature of Man
 - Tri-Partite



Spiritual Warfare --- Review

- **Combatants: Two Kingdoms: Light versus Darkness**

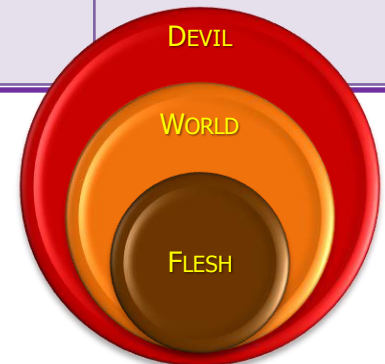
Kingdom	Combatants
LIGHT	Trinity, Holy Angels, Saints of all Ages
DARKNESS	Unholy Trinity, Fallen Angels, Unredeemed



Spiritual Warfare --- Review

- **Conflict: Three Battle Fronts**

FRONT	DESCRIPTION	REFERENCES
FLESH	THE PERSONAL BATTLE FRONT Our sin nature – inherited from Adam	Romans 8
WORLD	THE SOCIAL BATTLE FRONT Corrupt value system of the world ... Lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, & pride of life	1 John 2:15-17
DEVIL	THE SUPERNATURAL BATTLE FRONT Satan and his allies attempt to thwart God's will for you, by using both the Personal (Flesh) and Social (World) Battle Front .	1 Peter 5:5-11



- **Conclusion:** Eternal Bliss *versus* Eternal Torment

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• Our Strategic Plan: Be Strong in the Lord

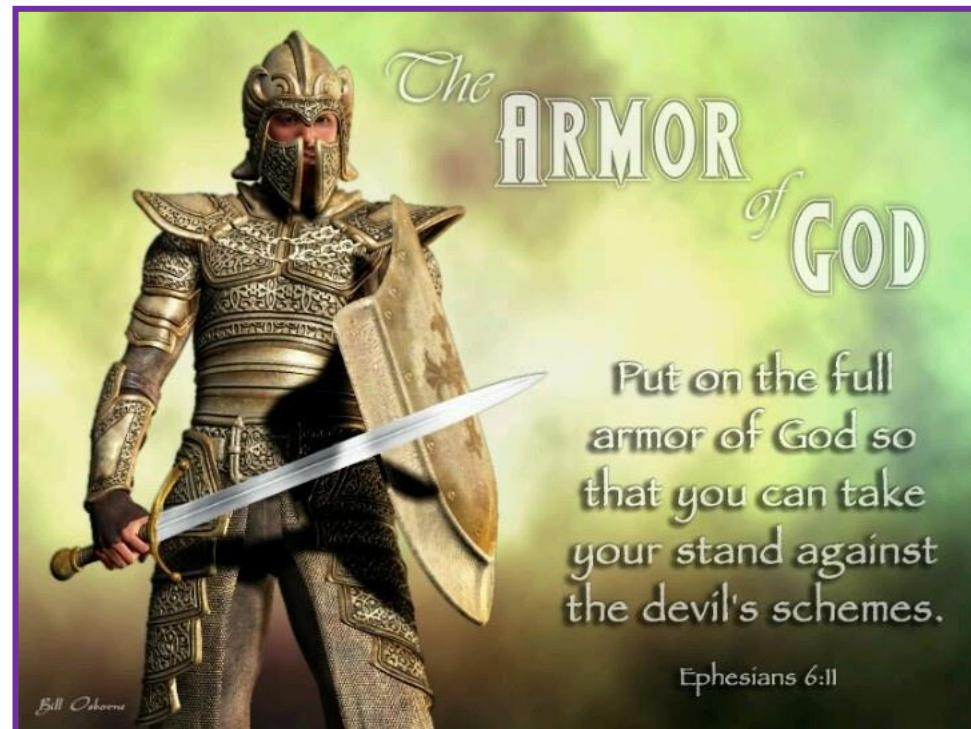
- Rely on the strength of the Lord
✓ *Not our own strength*
- Rely on the power of the Lord
✓ *Not our own power*
- Our victory is assured
✓ *IF we rely on the Lord*
- “Put on” and “Take up”
✓ The full armor of God

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in **the Lord** and in the power of **His might**.

--- Ephesians 6:10 ... NKJV

▪ Enemy Tactics:

- Deceit
- *“Be not deceived”*





Armed for Battle:
BELT OF TRUTH
The Truth About Truth

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Belt of Truth - Idiom Explained

- Having Girded...
 - Notice the tense

- Before you stand you must have already girded your waist with truth.
- ... Your Waist with Truth
 - The Waist is the center of a man's body
 - Truth must be tightened about the waist - *man's center*
 - Truth is *central* to all the other elements of God's armor.

14 Stand therefore, **having girded your waist with truth,**
 ... --- Ephesians 6:14a ... NKJV



Belt of Truth - Idiom Explained

- Belt of Truth - named for the leather belt and apron that hung in front of the Roman soldier's groin and lower abdomen.
- Belt width was 6-8 inches
- All body armor attached to the belt
- Weapons were secured to the belt ... sword, dagger, etc.
- Brass plates were attached to the apron to provide the greatest possible protection to the groin.

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Belt of Truth - Idiom Explained

- Application
 - Truth is needed to combat the deceit and lies of the devil
 - Truth is the cornerstone for the Armor of God

**GOD'S
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SATAN'S
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What is Truth? - God's Answer

• Pilate's Cynical Question

• What is Truth?

- Pilate asks the question
- Pilate does not wait for answer



³⁷ Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say *rightly* that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the **truth**. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

³⁸ Pilate said to Him, "**What is truth?**" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no fault in Him at all."

--- John 18:37-38 ... NKJV

What is Truth? - God's Answer

- **God Answers Pilate**

- Jesus is the Answer

- John 14:6

- John 8:31-32

⁶ **Jesus** said to him, "I am the way, **the truth**, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

--- John 14:6 ... NKJV

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³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.

³² And you shall know **the truth**, and **the truth** shall make you free."

--- John 8:31-32... NKJV

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- **John 1:1-5,14**

LIGHT	LIFE
Revelation	Resurrection

1 In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with God, and the **Word** was God.² He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. **4** In Him was **life**, and the **life** was the **light** of men. **5** And the **light** shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

14 And the **Word** became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the **only begotten of the Father**, full of **grace** and **truth**.

--- John 1:1-5, 14... NKJV

What is Truth? - God's Answer

- **God Commands Us**

- **"Do Not Be Deceived"**

- Luke 21:8
 - 1 Corinthians 6:9
 - 1 Corinthians 15:33
 - Galatians 6:7
 - James 1:16

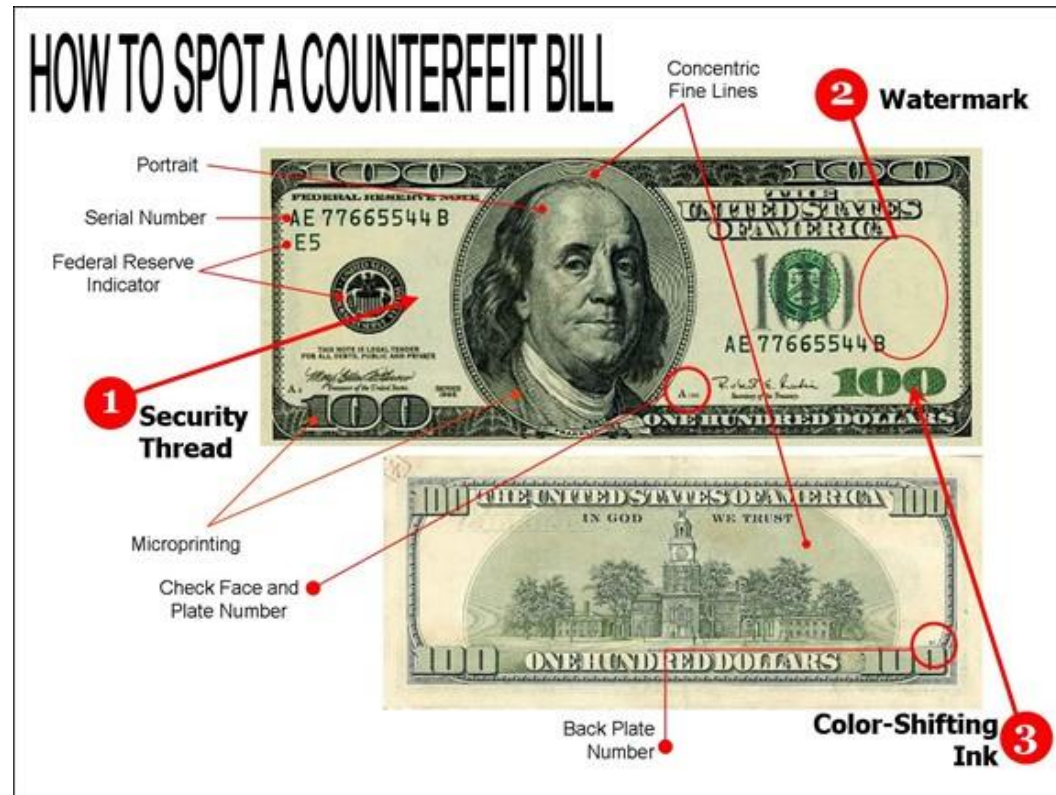


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- **How do you Combat Deception?**

- By knowing the Truth
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- **God's Word is Truth ... John 17:15-19**

- God's Word is our Source of Truth
 - As believers we are to
 - Read God's Word
 - Study God's Word
 - Know God's Word
 - Live According to God's Word
 - Love God's Word

JESUS' HIGH PRIESTLY PRAYER

¹⁵ I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by **Your truth. Your word is truth.** ¹⁸ As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be **sanctified by the truth.** --- John 17:15-19 ... NKJV

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Absolute Truth - God's Standard

- Relativism - *"All is Relative"*

Relativism is the concept that points of view have no **absolute truth** or validity, having only **relative, subjective value** according to differences in perception and consideration.

As **moral relativism**, the term is often used in the context of moral principles, where principles and ethics are regarded as applicable in only limited context. There are many forms of relativism which vary in their degree of controversy.

The term often refers to **truth relativism**, which is the doctrine that there are **no absolute truths**, i.e., that truth is always relative to some particular frame of reference, such as a language or a culture.



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- Relativism - *"All is Relative"*
 - There is no such thing as absolute truth.
 - Each person is free to determine truth for himself/herself.
 - Proverbs 12:15

15 The way of a fool *is* right in his own eyes,
But he who heeds counsel *is* wise.

– Proverbs 12:15 ... NKJV

Absolute Truth - God's Standard

- Relativism - *"All is Relative"*
 - This philosophy is ...
 - a leading cause for the moral free-fall of America
 - leading our society to abandoning absolute truth.
 - When Man Abandons Absolute Truth He ...
 - Destroys the integrity of the Bible
 - The Bible claims to be Absolute Truth
 - The Bible presents God's Standards
 - The Bible presents the need for a Savior
 - Loses a heightened sense of sin
 - Since "all is relative" - anything goes
 - No accountability for your actions
 - Relativism is a deception hatched by the enemy of you soul
 - Relativism is a lie that needs to be countered with the truth

Absolute Truth - God's Standard

- “All Truth is God’s Truth”
 - Have you heard this saying?



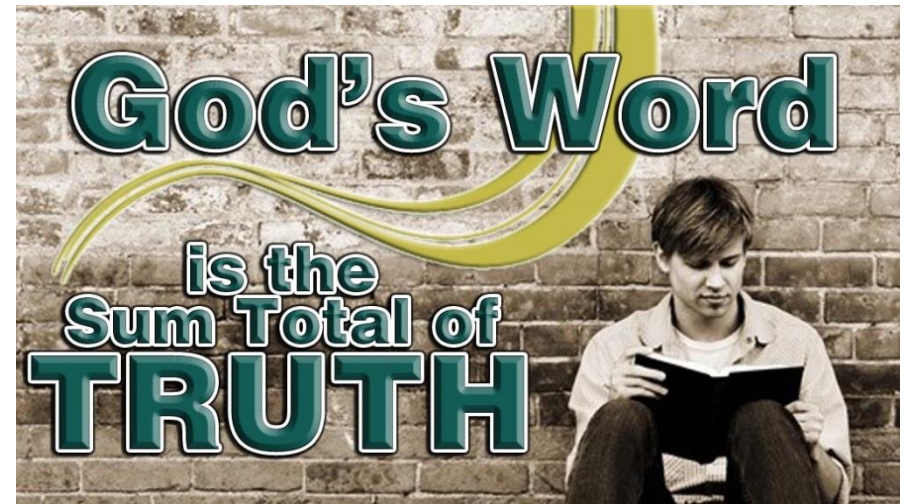
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 - How can you tell if something is True?
 - All I know for certain is that God’s Word is True
 - Everything else I am open to the deception of the enemy.
 - So what’s the solution?



Absolute Truth - God's Standard

- “All Truth is God’s Truth”

- God’s Answer ...

- The Holy Spirit

- John 14:15-18



¹⁵ “If you love Me, keep My commandments. ¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another **Helper**, that He may abide with you forever— ¹⁷ the **Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but **you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.** ¹⁸ I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

--- John 14:15-18 ... NKJV

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- John 16:12-14



¹² “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. ¹³ However, when He, the **Spirit of truth**, has come, **He will guide you into all truth**; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you.

--- John 16:12-14 ... NKJV



God is a Spirit:

and they that worship him
must worship him in spirit
and in truth.

John 4:24



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