



Scripture nugget – Keeping our minds rooted in truth

For, although we are in the flesh, we do not battle according to the flesh, for the weapons of our battle are not of flesh but are enormously powerful, capable of destroying fortresses. We destroy arguments and every pretension raising itself against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive in obedience to Christ (2 Corinthians 10:3-5).

Keeping our minds rooted in the immutable truths of our faith. As believers, we mentally assent to the truths of God that have been revealed to us. God is truth (cf. John 14:6), He cannot lie (cf. Hebrews 6:18), He is absolutely good (cf. Matthew 5:48) and we can fully trust in what was divinely revealed to us. *All scripture is inspired by God ... (2 Timothy 3:16).* Our doctrine is not based on human culture or thinking. *In vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines human precepts (Mark 7:7).* Thus, the truths of our Christian faith stand whether or not we can accept it. We cannot change or modify or water down any divine teaching without incurring the wrath of God. *I warn everyone who hears the prophetic words in this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words in this prophetic book, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city described in this book (Revelation 22:18-19).* Thus, the moral teaching of our Christian faith is objective and absolute because it comes from God Who is unchanging and Who has authority over us because He created us.

Discernment, a gift of the Holy Spirit, is much needed in these evil days. Increasingly, peoples' behaviour is inclined to be not so much led by the truth as by political correctness. For example, in western societies, it is politically incorrect to mention God despite God's sovereignty over all. These times are marked by false human ideologies posing as true and good. The dangerous and false ideology on human gender is so widespread that it is causing a sexual revolution in many countries. Any false human ideology can be debunked by the corresponding truth in Scripture. The truth that God made humankind male and female (cf. Genesis 5:2) debunks the false human gender ideology. Leveraging on human pride and ego, the Evil One creates much confusion on truth by spawning false ideologies and moral relativism which waters down moral norms and denies the existence of sin. Thus, we need to know Scripture and the teachings of the Church and to pray for wisdom and discernment in order that we can live in the truth. Discernment is a gift of the Holy Spirit, it is not human opinion. Discernment seeks out the truth, and is necessary to differentiate between good and evil even when the evil is dressed up to look virtuous. Most of the Jewish priests and religious leaders could not discern Jesus as the promised Messiah when He came in the flesh. However, the poor and simple-hearted such as the shepherds were given the gift of discernment. God does not look at titles but the heart when He bestows His gifts.

Conversation with Jesus: Precious Lord, I consecrate all human minds to You. By Your mercy and through the mighty power of Your grace, demolish in all minds all falsehoods, all demonic deception, all false arguments and every pretension raising itself against the knowledge of God. Fill all minds with Your divine light, wisdom and discernment so that every soul will seek out the Truth and be led by it to eternal life. Jesus, You are the Eternal Truth. It is the Truth that will set us free from eternal damnation. Mary, Mother of Salvation, pray for me. Thank You, Jesus. Praise You, Jesus.