



Scripture nugget – Forming our conscience in the truth

For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine but, following their own desires and insatiable curiosity, will accumulate teachers and will stop listening to the truth and will be diverted to myths (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

God's Word is Truth (cf. John 17:17). We must know the eternal truths of God and of our faith so that we can discern and reject falsehoods and lies the world presented to us as good and true. Scripture tells us that there will come a time when people are no longer interested in the truth but will turn their itchy ears to hear things which they want to hear in order to satisfy their desires and curiosity (cf. 2 Timothy 4:3-4). In recent years Christian values and truths have come under unprecedented persecution and attack as people disdain the truth and follow their own disordered desires so that truth is not treasured and sought after but that which makes them feel good. This diabolical disdain of the truth has fueled the rise of false human ideologies such as transgender ideology and moral relativism, all of which are detrimental to the salvation of the soul. St Paul warns us sternly that for those who do not love the truth but approve wrong doing, God will allow them to be led into deception which can lead to their condemnation (cf. 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12). The Word of God is truth and sanctifies us (cf. John 17:17). It is living and effective, can inform and correct our thinking, and has power over our body, soul and spirit (cf. Hebrews 4:12). Unlike earthly truths and human ideologies the Word of God stands forever (cf. Isaiah 40:8). The Word of God stands forever as an unfailing, absolute standard to adjudge the truthfulness of those proclaimed to be truths. As for the afore-said transgender ideology now being embraced by a politically correct world, its falsity is exposed as Scripture tells us "God made them male and female." (cf. Genesis 5:2). A person is either male or female. Anything other than this is fantasy and a rebellion against the truth of human sexuality and God's order in creation.

Putting on the Mind of Christ (cf. 1 Corinthians 2:16). To live a true Christian life, we need to strive to put on the Mind of Christ. We need to have the mind-set of Christ encompassing His truths, His values, His principles, His teachings, His attitudes. The human mind is a key battlefield of Satan to draw souls to damnation. St Paul tells us to renew our minds and hearts and put on the new self created to be righteous and holy like God (cf. Ephesians 4:23-24). Subjecting our minds to holy discipline, we do not allow our minds free reign but subject every thought to obedience to the teachings of Christ. *We destroy arguments and every pretension raising itself against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive in obedience to Christ (2 Corinthians 10:4-5).* Thus, we are not to think like the world but to think like Christ. We are not to focus on the passing things of this world but on the eternal things of above. We need to study, meditate, live and impart God's Word. We need to have a solid prayer life so that God can transform our hearts into the likeness of Christ.

Conversation with Jesus: Precious Lord, You are the Eternal truth (cf. John 14:6). Let Your Precious Blood purify my mind and my heart of all falsehoods, wrong way of thinking, and anything which opposes the truths of God and what He stands for. Fill me with Your Spirit of Truth. Impart to me wisdom and discernment so that I may choose what is good and true in Your Eyes and walk on the true, narrow path. Mary, Mother of Salvation, pray for me. Thank You, Jesus. Praise You, Jesus.