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I recently worked on my own dishwasher as it stopped pumping the water out after the washing cycle. I went onto You Tube to search the error and took the machine apart. Every part I tested seemed to be working. I could not establish what caused the problem. Yet the machine was broken. After putting the pump to the test to see if it pumps water, I found the pump propeller is loose. The shaft was worn out a bit, but after some blitz stick my dishwasher is running better than a Boeing 747.

I felt the Lord was telling me that things are not always the way I perceive them to be.

Externally everything seemed to be right and working. The truth was the machine was not working properly. There is a perception and then there is the truth. The Word tells us that a tree shall be known by its fruit.

The whole world is currently affected by the Corona disease. People find themselves in strange circumstances. You might find yourself in scary circumstances right now caused by Corona or something completely different. The future may seem dark and uncertain. But things are not the way they seem.

The Devil tries his luck. You see even 2000 years ago when Jesus was crucified. It looked like everything was lost. Satan thought he had won, he just successfully killed the Son of God. The followers of Jesus thought the Messiah had been killed and all was lost. But the Word says Jesus went into hades and after he disarmed the rulers and principalities, He made a spectacle of them. **(Colossians 2:15)** The truth is that Jesus came to set us free.

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

The Truth

The Truth is, we have Life in Christ

John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

The Devil wants to kill you and steal from you. He brings on circumstances that look like death, circumstances that look like poverty, circumstances that put you under stress. He wants to paint a picture that you have no way out. Pictures that you cannot and will never cope.

That is not the future Christ has for you. Jesus says he came to give you life. If there is life there is substance, there is provision, there is a way. He says He is The Way and Life.

The Truth is, He will set You Free

John 8:31-32

So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

Being a slave is the opposite of being free. If you feel tied down, cornered, hopeless or stressed you are being enslaved. The devil wants to enslave you. Enslavement is not always physical, it can be a mental state. Even though the Israelites left Egypt, their mentality never changed. They did not think like people who obtained freedom. Many times, we find ourselves living like slaves instead of living in the freedom we have received. God designed us to reign over creation not to be enslaved by it.

The Truth is the Word

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The Word is the plumb line or standard. Compare everything against the Word. Many companies that do mass production have moulds or templates to produce items. The mould and the template ensure that every item is the same. If an item is not moulded properly it would not be efficient and work the way it should. With the bare eye it might look correct, but the true measurement is to compare it to the mould or template. Take your circumstances or challenges and measure it against the Word. If it does not measure up to the Word it is a lie. That propeller on my dishwasher looked like it was working, but the truth was it was not.

The Truth brings Light

Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

The Lamp to your feet prevents you from stumbling, it helps you to avoid obstacles, see the here and now and around you, it gives you vision; understanding and reveals the truth.

A light to your path shows you the way, gives you direction, identifies danger, gives vision and foresight.

The Truth is seen in how you live

Luke 6:44

For each tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a briar bush.

My dishwasher looked ok externally, but it did not have the fruit of a dishwasher that was working. When the fruit is not right, we need to address the lie. All the other parts of my dishwasher were functioning properly. Only the propeller, a ridiculously small part, was not functioning properly. We cannot produce good fruit when there is a lie amongst the truth. We need to rid our lives from all the wrongs. The truth is not in what we say, but what we live. Actions speak louder than words.

The Truth cuts deep

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

The truth cuts to the bone. The Truth will divide the right from the wrong. It will reveal the real intentions. When you open something up you can see what it is inside and how it works. When things are cut open, all is revealed.

The Truth will make you stand firm

Ephesians 6:14

Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

The soldiers tied up their garments so that they would not be restricted by it in battle. The truth will enable you to move freely and defend yourself and defeat the enemy. If you know the truth the lies cannot harm you.

The Truth is we are like Christ

James 1:18

In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.

1 John 4:17

By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world.

John 17:17

Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

We need to know in our circumstances who we are. The apple seed carries the DNA of the apple tree, if we are the seed of Christ, we carry what is in Him. Every seed has the ability inside to bring forth that which was imparted into it. Unfortunately, every seed does not bear fruit. Only the seed that is prepared to be planted and die can be fruitful. The seed gives up itself to allow what is inside it to come forth.

Jesus was always in control. When there was a storm, He was sleeping and when awoken, He commanded the storm to calm. When there was lack of food, He fed 5000 people and there was still leftovers. When questioned by Pharisees He would answer with knowledge that baffled them. When people wanted to grab Him, He would walk through the crowd without them touching Him, because His time had not come. When people were possessed He delivered them, when people were sick He healed them. He gave His life in obedience to the Father; His life was not taken from Him.

Worship in the Truth

Worship is expression of reverence and adoration.

John 4:24

God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth

When Paul and Silas worshiped, the earth shook, chains fell off them, prison doors opened, and people got saved. When Joshua and the Israelites marched around Jericho worshiping God, walls came crumbling down, the enemy was trembling with fear, and they possessed the promised land.

The Truth:

It is the truth that heals people. The lame walk, the blind see, and the dead rise.

It is the Truth that changes the circumstances. The truth of the Word that formed creation, made the sea part, it let a rock produce water, it let the son stand still and many more miracles in the Word.

For the Truth to manifest we must:

Desire the truth

Know the truth

Believe the Truth

Expose the lie

Live the truth

Faith as an Acronym:

Favour

Available

In

True

Humility

If we humble our opinions, desires, and thoughts to God's Word we can receive the favour of His blessing. Do we think that our thoughts, plans, and calculations are higher than His? It comes down to obedience.

The key to live in the truth is faith. We must receive the truth, believe the truth and be obedient to the truth. Faith without works is dead. **(James 2:17)**