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SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: 1-John 3: 7- 10: Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. 8 The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. 9 No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God. 10 This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister.

LIGHT ON MY PATHWAY: c 2012 David Wayne Jeffares

Champion of the Truth, here is a new name for you! There is a passage of scripture which says, "Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands afar off; for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter."* (Isaiah 59: 14 KJV) What does it mean to say, "truth is fallen in the street?" This is a sad passage where the Children of the King often lose sight of the importance that each Believer truly must love the "Truths" of God which when acted upon and lived out in the life of the Child of God truly release the Mighty Power of the Holy Spirit in his/her life. This "release" of the Precious Holy Spirit provides multifold blessings in the life of the Believer. Some of these are: As the Child of God consciously decides, "I will walk in the Truth of God in every aspect of my life and practice as a Christian," this decision is extremely pleasing to your Father in Heaven! There are many references in the Word of God to the "truths" of God activated in the lives of His children. In fact, the importance of this becoming a reality is at the very center of the successful Christian "walk."

All of the works of Satan are based in promoting lies and deceit into the minds and thoughts of Christians. He is the "Father of lies," and everything that "makes a lie."* For this reason, Satan cannot deal in matters of the Truth of God. He must "push" his lies into your lives so that he seeks to undermine and redirect your thinking away from God's precious "promises which can not be broken!"* The Evil One knows that if you once accept the Life of Truth and a lifestyle of walking in that joyful transparency before God and your fellow men and women, he will never have any successful influence or evil "structures" built up in your life. He knows that if you decide to live in truthfulness and openness before your Father and before your fellow men and women, you will not "swallow" his lies -- in fact, you will become insulated by the Holy Spirit of your Father in Heaven to strongly and clearly recognize when the Enemy is attempting to promote his devious and evil schemes against you and you loved ones. With this in mind

Beloved, it would be greatly to your best interest to make the following commitment to the Lord God of Heaven: "Father, I deny in the Strong Name of Jesus, any and all sick, evil, twisted, deceiving lies of the Devil in my life! I commit to you my mind, body and spirit. I will walk in Truth before you, convinced that this "walk in Truth" is the Highest and most God-pleasing way that I can conduct my life and practice in my Christianity! I do this in and through the Great Name of the Lord Jesus, amen!" Beloved, if you will determine to hold tightly to this commitment, and if you will "love the Truth" at all times, you will never lack for the blessings of God showered upon you and your household!

Truths from the Word of God:

Luke 18:17 (NIV) Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

John: 43-46 (NIV) 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?

John 14:6 (NIV) Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Matthew 6: 25-34 (NIV) "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

28 "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

PRAYER: Father knowing, speaking and living the Truth is truly important to You. To me it must be a "life and death" situation so that I can discover this and live in it. Help me to truly love your truth and live in it every day of my life in Jesus' Name, amen!