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If you look for truth, you may find comfort in the end: if you look for comfort you will not get either comfort or truth only soft soap and wishful thinking to begin, and in the end disappear. – <u>C.S Lewis</u>

## Ephesians 6:14

## 1 Peter 1:13, Luke 12:35

## A. Girting and Loins

- Wrapping around the waist to hip area
- This is why some translations use the word <u>belt.</u>

#### B. The role of a belt

- The role of a belt is to <u>hold</u> everything together.
- It holds up pants, keeps your shirt tucked in.
- <u>Last</u> piece of clothing that you put on
- Roman soldiers would put on their belt before putting on their armor.
- Belts can hold things, tape measure, knife, flashlight ect...

# C. Truth effects the way that we live

- Truth effects everything that we do
- Truth is something that we don't think of often
- Truth will change the <u>decisions</u> that we make Proverbs 12:17
- If its true that abortion is murder than it should change the way that I live

#### Hebrews 6:18

### D. God is truth

- God is the God of all truth because he is the <u>Creator</u>, and it is impossible for him to lie.
- All things exist because of his <u>will</u> Ephesians 1:11
- The apostles <u>proclaimed</u> Gods truth John 5:33, Romans 9:1

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#### John 14:6

- E. The way the truth
  - Jesus is truth John 5:32
  - Truth doesn't change.
  - Truth is not an opinion.
  - Truth is a fact.
  - Truth has no restraints, its freeing John 8:32
  - Jesus proclaimed truth because he is truth—John 18:37

## John 17:17

- F. Effect of truth
  - Truth will affect what we do.
  - The word of God effects what we do.
  - The word of God should change us.
  - Truth changes us.
  - We should be the same if truth has effected us.

## Ephesians 4:25

- G. We are to speak truth
  - We are called not to lie but to <u>speak</u> truth.
  - Speak truth in <u>love</u> Ephesians 4:15
  - Love and truth and closely connected.
  - Love rejoices in truth 1 Corinthians 13:6
- H. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth Ephesians 6:14
  - The belt is the <u>first</u> thing you put on
  - Truth is <u>applicable</u> in everything we do
  - If you don't have truth then what do you have?
  - Truth is the <u>foundation</u> building block to your armor

A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on – Winston Churchill