

Following the Truth

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To know the truth is the greatest privilege a man can enjoy, but it comes at a cost of heartache and sorrow.

Scripture: Psalm 119:160, Proverbs 23:23, Isaiah 45:19, John 8:32, John 14:6, Romans 1:18, Ephesians 4:15, Philippians 4:8, 2 Timothy 2:15, 1 John 1:8-10

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Description

A.W. Tozer emphasizes that knowing the truth is the greatest privilege one can have, as it is the richest treasure that brings lasting value to life. He stresses the importance of responding to truth with eagerness and obedience, warning against treating it lightly. While living in accordance with truth leads to a peaceful end, Tozer acknowledges the heartaches and sorrows that come with such devotion in a world that often penalizes truth-seekers. Ultimately, he portrays truth as a glorious yet demanding master that requires unwavering commitment.

Transcript

To know the truth is the greatest privilege any man can enjoy in this life, as truth itself is without doubt the richest treasure anyone can possess. This follows from the nature of truth, and from the world-outlasting dowry it brings to those who open their hearts to it. Apart from truth our human lives would lose all their value, and we ourselves become no better than the beasts that perish. Our response to truth should be eager and instant. We dare not dally with it; we dare not treat it as something we can obey or not obey, at our pleasure.

It is a glorious friend, but it is nevertheless a hard master, exacting unquestioning obedience.

While a life lived in conformity with the truth will come at last to a good and peaceful end, candor requires us to admit that the lover of truth will have to endure many a heartache, many a sorrow as he journeys through the wilderness. This is the price the world makes him pay for the priceless privilege of obeying the truth. The world being what it is, truth must carry its own forfeit. The servant of truth will be penalized for his devotion. So goes the world always.

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