

What is Practicing the Truth?

If we are asking for wisdom and understanding, our Father will give it to us. If you are not asking, you're not being led by the Spirit. Every son of God is led by the Spirit. If you're not doing this, you're not a son of God. 1 Jn 1:6—*Asking*— It's a life-long practice. It's the same as *doing*. If we're not *doing* it his, we don't have fellowship; we're walking in darkness and not practicing the truth. What is practicing the truth? Asking for wisdom, understanding and grace. Our Master said, "You have not because you ask not." If you want it you have to ask for it! The reason we don't have is because we don't ask. It's accessible; you just have to *practice* the truth. This is a requirement of a disciple — *doing* (practicing) the truth. If you're a disciple, you'll carry out the requirements of a disciple because that's what a disciple does. (You don't have to tell an evangelist to evangelize — he just does it. You don't have to tell a pig to oink — they just do it!) You didn't have to tell me to start praying. I didn't know what I was doing, I just did it. Ha-Emeq and I said, "Father, we want people to be saved." Something was going on inside of us. I just said to people, "Come to our meetings; they're going to be every Tuesday and Friday nights." Everyone started coming and we started practicing hospitality. We prayed for people to come and be saved. We were *doing* the truth. *Do* — to carry out the requirement of, to execute, to fulfill, to render or give, to complete, to fulfill vows.

Ps 50:14 — says that we are to fulfill our vows. If you have Ruach ha Kodesh, you will fulfill the requirements of the law. (You will have the grace to do it.) You can do it. If you don't it must mean you don't have Ruach ha Kodesh after all — you just claim to have fellowship with Him. Do you have fellowship with Him?

1 Jn 1:6 — What is darkness? A place where there is no light. The truth is not there.

What is God doing right now? He's seeking for people who will worship Him in Spirit and in truth. His eyes are searching to and fro on the earth to find those who have a heart to obey Him. It says in Jn 7:17, "Only if we are *willing* to do His will, will we know if someone is speaking from God or themselves." (Some people speak only to glorify themselves. Others speak to glorify their Father in heaven.) He is gathering a people who will worship in Spirit and truth.

That's why we became disciples. We were given faith, but needed illumination and enlightenment, something that comes to you that you didn't have before that causes you to obey. Faith is given to us for only one reason — to carry out His will (to practice the truth). Faith is hearing Him speak to us. Whatever we do must originate from faith.

Rom 10:8 — "The message we preach..." Faith comes by hearing. This is the message you heard. It's all through the Bible. Did you receive faith by obeying the law or by what you heard? Faith is hearing and obeying

Koinonia — joint participation of the Spirit, fellowship, speaking to one another. If we have Ruach ha Kodesh, we'll carry out the requirements of the law.

So, *practicing* the truth is encouraging one another daily. What are you practicing for? To win in a basketball game the players have to practice all week and do everything right and then they play the game at the end of the week after they have practiced.

We have to be led by the Spirit and do everything to glorify Him. 1 Cor 4:5 — The true motives of our hearts will be revealed someday. If we speak to glorify ourselves, we speak without being heard.

1 Pet 4:11 — If you are serving, it's practicing the truth, isn't it? We serve by the strength (grace) He supplies in order that He might be glorified. Who is going to be glorified if you're not speaking by the strength that He supplies? Yourself.

Have you prayed for insight, lately? Knowledge? Wisdom? Have you prayed for insight into His Word? Pr 2:1-6 — speaks about asking for insight. When you are walking around the block you are asking for these, aren't you? If you try to operate in the Edah without it something will eventually go wrong in the mechanics of your life. If we're asking we'll finally arrive at something. What is our goal? The fear of ha-Shem. We'll discover

the knowledge of God. It's the greatest discovery you could ever have. It comes from the storehouse — we just have to get it by our sincerity, by practicing the truth (loving your wife, respecting your husband, loving your children and disciplining them when they need it).

We can't just be believers — something is required of us. If we claim to practice the truth but don't, we still walk in darkness (1 Jn 1:6). How do we practice the truth? By encouraging one another daily, by being led by the Spirit, by being hospitable. If we're not, we're living in darkness.

Sekei: I know there's something about hospitality because when I used to live next to Yoneq he would always talk to my Dad and be kind and friendly to him. My Dad really appreciated that and ever since then my parents have always supported us. Even when people had accusations against us my parents were for us because Yoneq showed them kindness.

I really see the importance of being hospitable and kind to people. It drives away evil spirits.

Keli: I'm thankful for what we've heard. I see that as we come to the knowledge of the truth more we'll have life (if we practice it).

I'm thankful I'm in a place where I can cry out for it and not walk in darkness.

ha-emeq: When you hear someone practicing to play a musical instrument it's not so nice because they make a lot of mistakes. But if they're faithful to practice they'll become good musicians in a few years. But it's only through practice that they progress. You can't become a really good musician unless you give yourself to practicing.

Can you see the wisdom of our God that He has us in the Body? We have so many opportunities to obey the Word every day. If we weren't in His Body we wouldn't be able to obey. This is the only place we can obey His Word. Just think of what a great, awesome thing it will be as we go along as the Body of Messiah that sooner or later every part will be doing its job — practicing the truth. We'll become just like our Master. You have opportunities every day to love, don't you? We know we've passed out of death and into life because we love our brothers. You can't love your brothers any other place other than in the Community. (Christianity doesn't see this.) We have opportunities every day to forbear in love. We won't forbear with our brothers unless we love them. Love forbears. Love is patient. If you love someone, you'll be kind to him.

N'su: Pr 4:18 — If we're walking in the path of righteousness that light is going to get brighter and brighter and we'll have come to the knowledge of the truth.

Some day our life will be the light of the world, like the *full* day. It starts out like the dawn and gets brighter and brighter. (Like the woman in Rev 12, she is clothed with the full light, like the sun.)

Ahimelech: I remember when we used to run races in school. It was obvious who practiced and who didn't. If we didn't we fell behind. We wouldn't even want to run the race if we hadn't practiced because we knew we wouldn't win.

We can ask for wisdom, understanding and insight this morning. We can ask to be protected in the name of our Master Yahshua. We have not because we ask not. Whoever asks, receives. Whoever seeks will find.

Whoever knocks will be answered. We have to be *continually* asking! We have power over the evil one in every way. No temptation can overcome us unless we let it. The Word is our instruction book.