

“THE TRUTH ABOUT DECEPTION”

Psalms 15; Isaiah 45:18-19

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Have you noticed that magazines and products that sell catch our attention by letting us know the ten things their article or product offers? For instance, “The Ten Best Stocks Of 2002”; “Ten Ways To A Better Love Life”; “Ten Ways To Attract Men (or Women)”; “The Ten Top Vacation Spots”; etc., etc. This week I thought I would write about “The Top Ten Ways We Deceive Ourselves.” This also might be a fun way to get into the Bible as well.

1. *Believing we are worthless* - the truth is that we are helpless to save ourselves, not worthless. (Rom. 5: 6)
2. *Believing we are better than another* - the truth is that we are to realistically evaluate ourselves. (Gal. 6: 3-4)
3. *Believing what we have to offer is less important than what someone else offers* - the truth is every gift or talent has its place. (I Cor. 12: 22-25)
4. *Believing we are or did bad if we hurt or suffer* - the truth is suffering and hurt goes along with being human. (I Peter 4)
5. *Believing we can get away with sin if we are clever* - the truth is that nothing is hidden from God’s sight. (Prov. 5: 21-23)
6. *Believing what we tell ourselves is always the truth* - the truth is that lying to ourselves is our greatest self-deception. (Jer. 17: 9-10; Prov. 16: 1-11)
7. *Believing in the power of man rather than God* - the truth is that everything we are or have comes from God. (Rom. 1: 18-25)
8. *Believing that witchcraft and occult practices are harmless* - the truth is that they are dangerous, God abhors them, and Satan uses them. (Deut. 18: 9-12)
9. *Believing there is no life after death* - the truth is that life never ends, we are changed to adapt to life eternal. (I Cor. 15)
10. *Believing God loves you only when you feel it* - the truth is God is love and never changes in His love for us. (Rom. 8: 31-39)

If we really want to experience the love, light, and life of God this week I believe we should ask God to show us truth. He will do this for us if we allow ourselves to acknowledge that we are pretty good at believing only what we want to believe and call that truth. Have an interesting week.