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**An Authentic Believer: Knows the Truth**

What The Bible Says:

**1 John 2:21-23 (ESV)**   
21  I write to you, not because you do not know the TRUTH, but because you know it, and because NO LIE is of the truth. 22  Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. 23  No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also.

**AUTHENTIC - POINT #1: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**John 14:6-7 (ESV)**   
6  Jesus said to him (Thomas), “I am the way, and the TRUTH, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

**Christ IS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!**

* **There is nothing impure in Jesus.**
* **There is no sin in Jesus.**
* **He is pure in Character & Integrity.**
* **His Grace is perfect. (Getting what we don’t deserve)**
* **His love is constant.**
* **He is merciful.**
* **His commandments aren’t burdensome.**
* **He is utterly and totally sincere.**
* **His Patience is perfect.**
* **He heals the sick.**
* **He comforts.**
* **He strengthens**
* **He encourages.**
* **He sets us free.**
* **He is the Author of salvation.**
* **He is Mighty to save.**
* **He Promises eternal life.**

**Romans 3:23 (ASV)**   
23  for all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God;

**Romans 10:9-11 (NASB)**   
9  that if you confess with your mouth Jesus *as* Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; 10  for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. 11  For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED."

**AUTHENTIC - POINT #2: The GREATEST GIFT**

**The Amazing Beautiful Gift of the Indwelling of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**John 14:16-17 (ESV)**   
16  And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of TRUTH, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

**John 16:13 (ESV)**   
13  When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the TRUTH… for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

**The Holy Spirit:**

* **Will Guide you to Christ.**
* **Is your Advocate.**
* **Is your Helper.**
* **Is your Comforter.**
* **Is the POWER of God in you.**
* **Is God’s AUTHORITY in you.**
* **Uses you to Advance the KINGDOM of God… (If you desire it)**
* **Produces a multiplicity of FRUIT in our lives.**

**Galatians 5:22-23**

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23  gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

*“If you are fully and continuously filled with the Holy Spirit,*

*you will bear multiple fruits!”*

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**AUTHENTIC POINT #3: KNOW who the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ enemy is.**

**1 Peter 5:8-9 (ESV)**   
8 ...be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9  Resist him…

**The Devil:**

* **Wants to Rip off your destiny in God.**
* **Wants to Rip off your children’s destiny.**
* **Will Deceive you**
* **Will Guilt you**
* **Will Distract you**

**If you don’t believe you are in a fight to the finish then you have lost half the battle.**

**Ephesians 6:12 (ESV)**   
12  ...we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

* **Our fight is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ against humanity.**

**1 John 4:4 (KJV)**   
4  Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

**AUTHENTIC POINT #4: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**2 Chronicles 7:14-15 (ASV)**   
14  if my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 15 Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent, unto the prayer that is made in this place.

**Romans 12:12 (ESV)**   
12  Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

**James 5:15 (ESV)**   
15  And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

**Prayer reminds us that:**

* **It is God that does the growing.**
* **It is God that brings change or conviction in a person’s life.**
* **It is God that restores relationships**
* **It is God that heals.**
* **Prayer is a demonstration of our reliance and faith in God.**
* **Prayer advances the Kingdom of God in the Spiritual Realm!**
* **Prayer can change the mind of God.**
* **Prayer evangelizes the lost.**

**Jesus teaches us How to Pray…**

**Luke 11:1-4 (ESV)**   
1  Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”   
2  And he said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. 3 Give us each day our daily bread, 4  and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.”

**AUTHENTIC POINT #5: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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14  if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

**2 Chronicles 16:9 (NASB)**   
9  "For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.

**Proverbs 8:17 (ASV)**   
17  I love them that love me; And those that seek me diligently shall find me.

**Isaiah 58:2 (NIV)**   
2  For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God. They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them.

**Jeremiah 29:13 (ESV)**   
13  You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

**AUTHENTIC POINT #6: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1 John 5:1-3

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has become a child of God. And everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too. 2  We know we love God’s children if we love God and obey his commandments. 3  Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome.

Response:

## Is your Spiritual Growth Intentional?

## What is God speaking to me?

## Specifically, how will I obey Him?