

Truth (what is it?)

Truth defined = Unveiled reality

(a veil is a covering – truth is revealed by removing the covering off of reality, exposing what is genuine)

Three Tests of Truth

1. Truth is subject to examination, evaluation.
(you can put truth on the table or under a microscope and inspect it – it will pass the investigation)
2. Truth is open - nothing to hide, no secrets.
(any secrecy is a warning, red flag)
3. Truth adheres to the court oath:
“to tell the truth (unveiled reality)
the whole truth (not partial, nothing left out)
and nothing but the truth”
(no embellishments, no exaggerations)

Key questions every person needs to answer:

“Do I really want to know the truth?”

(not just my own perspective or beliefs, my own values)
(not simply ignoring truth, avoiding it, or suppressing it)

“Am I an honest person?”

(willing to evaluate the information, evidence)
(free from fraud or deception)

Famous interaction between Jesus & Pilate:

“For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth.

Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”

Jesus. (John18:33-38/Bible)