THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE

Point: 1

Are you a slave or are you free?

Luke 4:18-19 (NIV)

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

John 8:34 (NIV)

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.

Romans 8:2 (NIV)

because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

Gal 5:1 (NIV)

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Point: 2

What <u>lie</u> have you believed in?

Col 2:8 (NIV)

See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.

2 Cor 4:4 (NIV)

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Rom 1:25 (NIV)

They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator--who is forever praised.

Amen.

Rom 2:8 (NIV)

(Rom 2:8 NIV) But for those who are selfseeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger.

Gen 3:4-5 (NIV)

(Gen 3:4-5 NIV) "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Ezek 28:2 (NIV)

"Son of man, say to the ruler of Tyre, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: "In the pride of your heart you say, "I am a god; I sit on the throne of a god in the heart of the seas." But you are a man and not a god, though you think you are as wise as a god.

Some Lies of This Age: Homosexuality is okay:

(Lev 18:22 NIV) "Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable. (Sée also Lev 20:13, Gen 19:5, Jude 19:22, 1Ki 14:24, Ro 1:26-27, 1Co 6:9, 1Ti 1:10, Jude 1:7)

It is okay to live with someone before you marry:

(Heb 13:4 NIV) Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. (see also Heb 12:16, 1Cor 6:9, Gal 5:19-21, Eph 5:5, Col 3:5-6, Rev 22:15)

I am entitled to be provided for:

(2 Th 3:10 NIV) For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat." (See also: Gen 3:19, Prov 13:4, Prov 20:4, Prov 21:25, Prov 24:30-34, 1Th 4:11)

I deserve this thing:

(James 4:3 NIV) When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. (See also: Exo 20:17, Deu 5:21, Deu 7:25, Micah 2:2, James 4:2)

Point: 3

What lie is **destroying** you?

Prov 6:27-28 (NIV)

Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned? Can a man walk on hot coals without his feet being scorched?

Phil 2:13 (NIV)

for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

Conclusion