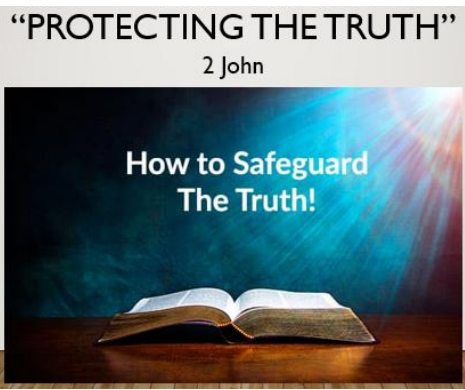


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HOW TO HANDLE AN ISSUE... I NEED TO SPEAK TO...

- We can be diplomatic, gracious, polite, kind, but speak the truth in love.
- Or we can be blunt, straightforward, tell the hard truth.
- Or we can be in your face, rude, tactless.

SO, WHAT IS THE THEME, BROADER SUBJECT OF THIS LETTER?

- TRUTH!
- Remembering, holding fast to, this truth.

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WE NEED TO KNOW HISTORY, THE PAST...

1. Know it, teach it, So we have memorials. *Where we teach the past.*
2. Each story, the tragic evil choices made.
3. Deceiving people, propaganda, sometimes misunderstandings, things, threats that go farther than intended.
4. The truth of these historical incidents is crucial to understanding and learning from them.

IN THIS LITTLE LETTER OF 2 JOHN:

- Smallest book of the N.T.
- Less than 300 Greek words
- The apostle John writes again...
- His emphasis is truth.

JOHN'S PURPOSE IN WRITING:

- Is to lift, uplift, honor the truth.
- Not so much to explain the truth. [He did that in 1 John.]
- To *protect* the truth.
- Now who is John writing to?

“...Unto the elect lady...”

JOHN'S PURPOSE IN WRITING IS TO UPLIFT, HONOR, **REMEMBER** THE TRUTH.

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JOHN, BEING ALL ABOUT THE TRUTH, GIVES 4 POINTS FOR US TO CONSIDER:

I. Love the truth

- A. Love for the lady's family (*vs. 1-4*)
- B. Introductions (*v.3*)
 1. Grace
 2. Mercy
 3. Peace
- C. He found her children faithful (*v.4*)

II. Love one another (*vs. 5-6*)

- A. Not new: we know this, you know this (*v. 5*)
- B. Walk after His commandments (*v. 6*)

III. Protect the truth (*vs. 7-11*)

- A. Watch out for false teachers (*v. 7, 9*)
 - B. Keep moving ahead (*v. 8*)
 - C. Do not help them (false teachers) (*vs. 10-11*)
- 1st century Context:

IV. More to come (*vs. 12-13*)

- A. I have more to say
- B. But I want to tell you face to face
- C. And in closing ➡ your sister in Christ...

CONCLUSION:

- The church is the pillar and ground of truth (*1 Timothy 3:15*)
- The church is us, the people of truth: believers, *verse 1*: “...they that have known the truth”
- We remember, live, honor, obey the truth!
- Are you living the truth?
- Are you protecting the truth?
- Are you ever learning the truth?

