Ephesians 6

**13**Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. **14**Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,

What is Truth?

Jesus says I am the truth

Putting on the armor of God… Is putting on Jesus Christ

Loins – import internal organs and also organs of procreation

Deut 31:11 – Smite the enemy through the loins

The enemy is always attacking truth

The Bereans Acts 17:11

Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

Truth should be something you hold yourself… Not this church body, not a denom… but you

The enemy attacks through the window of emotion

The owner will always enter through the door of understanding

If truth isn’t recognized it won’t be loved…

The secret prince…

It would be easy to cheat people out of truth if they don’t understand the value of truth

People who don’t grab truth…

2 Tim 3:7 always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth.

The bureau of weight and measurements

<http://www.nist.gov/pml/wmd/>

The enemy will always attack us where we are weakest, most unsure… Satan attacked Eve before adam… Adam had a stronger history with God… heard from God 1st hand

1. Simple Ones / Naive

**17**I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. **18**For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people.

The enemy will attack where you are uniformed

Do you know what you don’t know? That’s where you are vulnerable.

1. Children

Ephesians 4

**14**Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves,and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. **15**Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

Kids can hate eachother one moment… Love eachother the next… emotional sway

Blind Isaac went by feeling… gave birth right to Jacob

1. Unstable

Genesis 49:4 about Rueben

Turbulent (UNSTABLE) as the waters, you will no longer excel, for you went up onto your father's bed, onto my couch and defiled it.

Water takes on the form of whatever it is

Love TRUTH

2 Thess 2:10

**0**and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing.They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

1 Tim 1

**5**The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere (Unfeigned) faith. **6**Some have departed from these and have turned to meaningless talk. **7**They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm.

We discard what we don’t love…

More than an interest… infatuation

Amnon wanted Tamar – Rapes her discards her

<http://www.enduringword.com/commentaries/1013.htm>

People treat Truth the same way

Truth must trump tradition

Tradition should not be presented as truth

Tradition doesn’t save

Don’t take or add anything to the cross!

They cried Hosanna over Christ then Crucify him…Someone didn’t love truth

2 Tim 4:3

**3**For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. **4**They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

Psalm 51:6

Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

Hebrews 10

**23**Let us hold unswervingly to the hopewe profess, for he who promised is faithful. **24**And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,

God has committed truth to us… Contend for the Faith – Jude

Satan researched job before he attacked.

First he attacks through error

Then persecution

You have to love truth more than life in order to stand against persecution

Rev 12:11

They triumphed over him  
    by the blood of the Lamb  
    and by the word of their testimony;  
they did not love their lives so much  
    as to shrink from death.

Life becomes your enemy when it stands between you and truth… Love truth more than life

Pilot didn’t understand… Jesus came to bear witness to the truth John 18:37