



Your Open Door to a Great New Year

Text: 2 John 1-13

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Theme: **God's truth opens the door to true success.**

Being in the truth brings God's blessing.

1. The *truth*. (2; see also John 8:32, 14:6; 17:17, 18:38; 2 Peter 1:12)
2. The channel to God's blessing. (1, 3)

Living in the truth brings God's joy.

1. The key test of living in the truth.
(4-6; see also John 13:34-35, 15:9-10, 12, 17; 1 John 3:11, 4:7, 11)
2. The wonderful fruit of living in the truth.
(4, 8b, 12; see also John 15:9-11)

Defending yourself with the truth brings God's rewards.

1. Remember, there are many deceivers. (7, 9; 1 John 2:18-26; 4:1-3)
2. Follow God's prescribed response to false teachers.
(8a, 10-11; see also 2 Corinthians 11:4; Galatians 1:6-9)
3. Keep the great benefits and costs in view. (8)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. On this first day of 2024, take some time to look back—to reflect and evaluate your 2023 experience. As you review the problems and blessings of the year, also note the lessons you have learned and how you have grown spiritually.

Tuesday. Today read 2 John 1-13. As your new year gets going, remember that being in the truth brings God's blessing. Review any notes you made on Sunday to help you have a clear picture on truth, its importance and blessings.

Wednesday. Living in the truth brings God's joy. Read 2 John 1-13. Check out Jesus' statements on living in the truth as well as the joy that comes from living in the truth (in John 13 & 15; see the outline). Why is it that we sometimes think obeying God squelches rather than releases joy?

Thursday. The last thing we looked at on Sunday was defending ourselves with the truth. Why can it be difficult to take a stand for truth and against falsehood? Why is it critically important to stand for the truth and expose falsehood? Think about the reward God will give you for defending the truth pictured in verse 8.

Friday–Saturday. Sunday we plan to begin a new sermon series