

FIGHT TRUTH DECAY—STUDY THE BIBLE

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“Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, ‘If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.’” {John 8:31,32}

We make it a habit to take care of our teeth, and we pay regular visits to our dentists. We brush and floss to avoid tooth decay. Preventive maintenance is always a good course to follow. Let’s make a spiritual application concerning truth decay. What is truth decay? Many Christians are not growing spiritually because they lack truth in their hearts—these folks have truth decay. What can we do to prevent this dreadful disease?

Read the Bible daily. “Through Your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” {Psalm 119:104,105} We brush our teeth several times a day to keep them from decaying. Shouldn’t we also continually read our Bibles to prevent truth decay in our lives? Make Bible reading a regular habit—set a schedule and stick to it.

Be ready to give an answer. “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.” {1 Peter 3:15} Every child of God needs to prepare himself to teach others. How can you teach someone what you do not know? Don’t feel like you have to know ALL the Bible to teach another person; just love the souls of the lost and be willing to prepare for the opportunity when it comes.

Never lose your hunger. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.” {Matthew 5:6} Each person must develop within himself a spiritual appetite for God’s word. We reach this goal by developing an understanding of the value and worth of the Scriptures. Just as we have developed a taste for our favorite foods, music, and hobbies, we must develop a spiritual hunger for God’s word and seek for ways to satisfy that hunger. Nothing is more important than the knowledge of God’s word. Good luck brethren. ***