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| 1 | **Preventing Apostasy – Fighting The Suppression of Truth**2 Peter 2:2; Romans 1:18-25; Isaiah 59:14-15  |
| 2 | **God’s Wrath On Those Who Suppress Truth*** **2 Peter 2:2; *“… the way of truth will be maligned.”*** (evil spoken of to turn people away)
* **Romans 1:18-25, God’s wrath** against those who ***“suppress the truth in unrighteousness.”***
* ***“Suppress” -*** restrain, hinder; hold down; quash.
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| 3 | **Our World Today Is Suppressing Truth*** **Satan is the instigator.** (Acts 4:17-21, 5:27-32; 18:9)
* **Always trying to squash and eliminate truth**. (Isaiah 30:9-11; 59:14)
* **Because he knows he cannot overcome the truth of God’s word.** (Rom. 1:16; Acts 4:16; Rev. 12:11)
* **Satan will use any means possible…**
* **In order to suppress it, he needs our help.**
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| 4  | **Suppressing The Truth In My Heart & Life****Failing to learn it, or neglecting it.** (Heb. 2:1-4)* **Am I keeping it filled with truth?** (Colossians 1:9; 3:16**) Or has it become buried?**
* **How does it become “*ready on my lips*”?** (Proverbs 22:17-21)
* **Do I have a *“love of the truth”*?** (2 Thess. 2:10)
* **Will I simply keep it to myself.** (2 Kings 7:9; Acts 18:9; Philippians 1:12-14)
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| 5 | **Suppressing The Truth At Home*** **Is the word of God being “concealed” at home?** (Psalms 78:4 (vs. 1-8); Deut. 6:7)
* **Where is the focus**? (Colossians 3:1-2)
* **What do we allow into our homes?**
* **Can’t allow this world to crowd out God’s word at home.** (Mark 4:19; Luke 10:39-42; Heb.12:1)
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| 6 | **Suppressing The Truth In The Lord’s Church*** **The Bible is becoming “the lost book”.** (2 Kings 22)
* **Christians who no longer demand book, chapter & verse.** (1 Peter 4:11; 2 Timothy 4:3)
* **Reducing the opportunities to study God’s word**. (What’s happened since the pandemic?
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| 7 | **What I Must Do!*** **Keep my heart filled with it so I will call it to mind.** (2 Peter 1:12-15; 1 Timothy 4:6)
* **Pray for boldness in our speech**. (1 Thess. 2:2; 2 Corinthians 3:12; Ephesians 6:19; Colossians 4:3-6)
* **Always looking for opportunities** (John 4:35)
* **Don’t leave any of it out!** (Psalms 119:160; Acts 20:27; Jeremiah 26:2)
* **Trust it’s power!** (Isaiah 55:10-11)
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| 8 | **We Must Be Promoting The Truth*** **Letting our light shine.** (Matthew 5:13-16; Philippians 2:15; 3 John 8)
* **Ready to “*contend*” & “*defend*”.** (Jude 3; 1 Pet. 3:15)
* **Speak up before it’s too late!** (Judges 19:30; Isaiah 59:9-17)
* **Believe and Obey the truth**! (Ephesians 1:13; 1 Peter 1:22)
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