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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. |
| 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.** |
| 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) |
| 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) |
| 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? |
| 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) |
| 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) |