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Prov. 23:23

INT:

Text from chapter on moral virtues and contrary vices.
Power of conviction a moral excellence. Few have it.
We're interested in religious truth. Essential to sal.
Traditions, creeds, philosophies offered. Buy the truth!

I. WHAT IS THE TRUTH? John 18:37-38.

1. Jesus, the champion of God's truth. John 16:12-13.
2. Christ, the Word. John 1:1. Word is truth. John 17:17.
3. Gospel is God's truth of God. II Thess. 1:8-9.

II. SOME SELL THE TRUTH SHORT.

1. Dumas said "Great is truth. Fire cannot burn, nor water drown it." Peter said I Pet. 1:24-25.
2. Lustful people underestimate it. II Tim. 4:1-4.
3. Murmurers undervalue it. John 8:31-32. Must continue.

III. OTHERS SELL THE TRUTH FOR GOLD. (Financial gain)

1. Truth says God's church first. Matt. 6:33.
2. Business people who take all day Sun. deny the truth.
3. Judas denied it when he sold the Lord. The difference?
4. Sought to rectify. Couldn't. Matt. 27:3-5.
 - a. Some seek to reconstruct shattered reputation. Can't

IV. SOME SELL IT FOR FRIENDSHIP.

1. Truth says be careful of associations. I Cor. 15:33.
2. Truth bartered for liquor and gambling friends.
 - a. Such friends unreliable. Ill. Prodigal Son's.
3. Demas sold God's truth for worldly connections. II T. 4:10
4. Truth traded when compromise to please neighbors.

V. TRUTH IS OFTEN SOLD FOR WORLDLY POSITION.

1. Bible teaches all Christians are equal. I Pet. 5:5.
2. Diotrephes sold truth for preeminence. III John 9-10
3. Pilate traded virtue for governer's place. J. 19:12.
4. All high, noble and mighty in this world will be brought low by Christ. Phil. 2:9-12. Too busy???

INV.

What will you do with the truth? Buy it by obeying Christ?
Stipulations of the purchase? B - R - C - B.

Some Christians have sold it for worldly freedom and sin.
Contract with God broken. Reinstate it by R - P.