

Answer Key:

What is the Belt of Truth?

- believing
- Jesus
- know
- abstain

How do we use the Belt of Truth?

- learn
- secure
- remind
- holds

What Does Jesus Say about Truth?

- truth
- grace
- word
- listens

5 Powers from the Belt for Us

1. exposes
2. good
3. freedom
4. standard
5. found

Putting on Jesus

“Don’t Forget Your Belt”

Part 8

Ephesians 6:14 NLT

“Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God’s righteousness.”

Introductory Statement

The belt of truth surrounds us and protects us from the deceptions and lies of the devil. Without truth we cannot properly understand our world. We see it in the wrong ways and our perception is off. Everyone needs truth and Jesus gives it to us freely. The belt of truth holds everything together and surrounds us with an accurate perception of the battlefield and our enemies and allies.

What is the Belt of Truth?

- Putting on the belt of truth means that we are _____ the truth, learning about the truth, and abiding in the truth.

John 14:6 NLT

“Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.”

- The truth is found in _____ and His Word, the Bible.

The Bible is our ultimate source of truth, direction, and guidance.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

- We have to _____ the truth and apply it into our daily lives for all pieces of armor to function properly

John 8:32 GWT

"You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

- By knowing the truth, we can _____ from listening to the lies of Satan and the lies of the world.

John 8:44 NCV

When he tells a lie, he shows what he is really like, because he is a liar and the father of lies.

How do we use the Belt of Truth?

- We can _____ who God is.

Hebrews 5:14 Living Bible

"You will never be able to eat solid spiritual food and understand the deeper things of God's Word until you become better Christians and learn right from wrong by practicing doing right."

- We can _____ other pieces of the Armor.

1 John 5:18 Living Bible

"No one who has become part of God's family makes a practice of sinning, for Christ, God's Son, holds him securely, and the devil cannot get his hands on him."

- We can _____ other Christians of the Truth in Love.

Ephesians 4:15 Living Bible

"Instead, we will lovingly follow the truth at all times—speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly¹—and so become more and more in every way like Christ."

- The belt of truth _____ everything together.

1 Peter 2:7 The Voice

"The stone that the builders rejected has been laid as the cornerstone—the very stone that holds together the entire foundation,"

Therefore, truth is of the utmost importance in the life of a Christian. Without truth, the rest of the armor would be of no use to us because we would not have the Spirit of truth.

John 15:26 Living Bible

"But I will send you the Comforter—the Holy Spirit, the source of all truth. He will come to you from the Father and will tell you all about me."

What Does Jesus Say about Truth?

- Jesus is _____!
- God is full of truth and _____.

John 1:14 NIV

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

- God's _____ is truth.

John 17:17 NIV

"Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth."

- Everyone who is of the truth _____ to God's voice

John 18:37-38 NIV

"...the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

Each piece of the armor shows the power of the character traits Paul highlights. The belt of the Roman soldier held together all the other pieces of armor. Truth, then, is the essential character trait that holds together all the other character traits.

5 Powers from the Belt for Us

Paul speaks of the armor of God in terms of "putting on" and "fastening" the belt of truth to ourselves.

1. The Truth _____ lies.

John 14:17 GNT

"He is the Spirit, who reveals the truth about God. The world cannot receive him, because it cannot see him or know him. But you know him, because he remains with you and is in you."

2. The Truth brings _____ news.

John 1:1-5 NIV

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

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3. The Truth brings _____!

Galatians 5:1 GWT

"Christ has freed us so that we may enjoy the benefits of freedom. Therefore, be firm in this freedom, and don't become slaves again."

4. The Truth is God's _____.

Ephesians 4:13 GWT

"This is to continue until all of us are united in our faith and in our knowledge about God's Son, until we become mature, until we measure up to Christ, who is the standard."

5. The Truth is _____ in Jesus.

John 14:6 GWT

Jesus answered him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one goes to the Father except through me."

All the pieces of the armor belong to Him and come from Him.

Truth, righteousness, the gospel, faith, and salvation—all are

gifts of God to His people for their defense. All except "the

sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God."