

Being a good mom has never been easy!....But There is one thing that can make it all worth while...

More exciting than watching our children's _____ steps... is the thrill of watching our children's _____ steps in the right direction!

Why is this one thing so important to our joy and theirs? The answer is found in the word "Truth" (Alathia) itself!

In its Greek etymology Alathia" is actually two words:
"a" which is the Greek word for "No or Not", and
"Lathia" which is the Greek word "to forget"

So, truth was " _____ "

Truth, describes what is "Actual" or _____ and what is "Factual" or _____!

Let's take a look at 3rd John vv. 1-4

*The elder, To my dear friend Gaius, whom I love in the truth. ² Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well. ³ It gave me great joy to have some brothers come and tell about your faithfulness to the truth and how you continue to walk in the truth. ⁴ **I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.***

PLEASE NOTICE TWO THINGS:

v. 2 Gaius was not feeling well and so John prayed that his physical health might mirror his soul health!

"Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.

AND

vv. 3-4 that John connects the quality of our inner soul health with our understanding and practice of the truths of God!

"It gave me great joy to have some brothers come and tell about your faithfulness to the truth and how you continue to walk in the truth."

John 8:32 *"You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free!"*

Psalm 40:11 *"Do not withhold your mercy from me, O Lord! May your love and your truth always protect me!"*

Psalm 51:1 *"Surely you desire truth in my inmost parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place."*

Daniel 9:13 *"Just as it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come upon us, yet we have NOT sought the favor of the Lord our God by turning from our sins and giving attention to the truth."*

SO...How can our children learn these truths and get God's perspective on life?

FIRST: Our Children can learn to walk in the truth when _____!

SECOND: Our children can learn to walk in the truth when _____!

Proverbs 6:20-23 *"My son, keep your fathers commands, and do not forsake your mother's teaching, bind them on your heart forever; fasten them around your neck. When you walk they will guide you; when you sleep they will watch over you; when you awake they will speak to you. For these commands are a lamp, and this teaching is a light, and the corrections of discipline are the way to life."*

John 17:17 *"Sanctify them with your word, your word is truth"*