"As the Lord lives, whatever the Lord says to me, that I will speak."

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The Dilemma of Choosing Between Deceptive Lies and Unsettling Truth

Definition

Dilemma:

- a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more alternatives, especially equally undesirable ones;
- a difficult situation or problem.
- ☐ Focal Point: The difficult situation of choosing between LIE & TRUTH

I. REGARDLESS OF THE SITUATION, SPEAK THE TRUTH!!!

- A. God's truth is often unsettling and uncomfortable as it convicts sin (2 Tim. 4:1-4; cf. Jno. 16:8).
- B. Herod and Herodias' adulterous remarriage, Mark 6:17-18, 19, 24-26.
- C. Sanhedrin council, Acts 7:51-60.
- D. Felix and Drusilla, Acts 24:24-25.

II. REASON???

A.Truth unsettles the deceptive lies of our Adversary, the devil (John 8:44).

B.We must be more concerned about the souls of those walking disorderly (2 Cor. 5: 9-11).

C.God is not willing that any should perish (2 Pt. 3: 9).

III. SOME DECEPTIVE LIES

- A. Faith Only Saves.
- 1. Unsettling Truth: Not saved by faith only, Jas. 2:21-24; Acts 2:37-38,40-42,47.
- 2. Therefore, we do not earn salvation; we obey the Master who blesses us with salvation, Eph. 2:8-9; Lk. 17:10.

- B. Good Moral People will be Saved.
- 1. Unsettling Truth: Good people are lost without the gospel, Acts 10:1-2, 22; 11:14; 15: 7-11.
- 2. Good, moral people are commanded to obey Jesus, Acts 10:48.

- C. There are Many Ways to Heaven. Therefore, Choose the church/Religion of your choice.
- 1. Unsettling Truth: Only one way (Jesus), Jno. 14:6; Acts 4:12.
- 2. Only one church, Matt. 16:18; Eph. 1:22-23; 4:4; 5:23.

- D. There is no Hell (Eternal Punishment).
- 1.Unsettling Truth: Hell is real, and many are headed there, Matt. 7:13-14; 25:41; Rev. 21:8

- E. All Remarriages are Acceptable.
- 1. Unsettling Truth: One cause for putting away that makes remarriage acceptable to Jesus, Matt. 19:9; 1 Cor. 7:10-11.

- F. Once Saved, Always Saved.
- 1.Unsettling Truth: Christians can fall away and be lost (1 Tim. 4:1-3; Heb. 3:12-14; 2 Pet. 1:10-11.

- G. Social Gospel is a Potent Tool to Win people to Christ.
- 1. Unsettling Truth: The gospel is the power of God to win people over to Christ (Rom. 1: 16-17; 1 Cor. 1:18-25).

IV. Conclusion

- 1. We must endeavor to please God, not men, Gal. 1:8-10; 2 Kg. 22:5-8,14
- 2. Our Resolve: We Must Stand With Truth Always!
- 3. If you are here tonight and have not submitted to the gospel, repent, be baptized and be saved, Acts 2:36-38, 41.