

## Scripture Reading

### **John 17:13-18 (NIV)**

<sup>13</sup> "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. <sup>15</sup> My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

#### 1. The belt of truth

### **Ephesians 6:14a (NIV)**

<sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, ..

#### 2. What is truth?

### **John 14:6 (NIV)**

<sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

### **John 1:1 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

### **John 1:14 (NIV)**

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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#### 3. Being people of integrity

**2 Kings 12:2 (NIV)**

<sup>2</sup> Joash did what was right in the eyes of the LORD all the years Jehoiada the priest instructed him.

**2 Chronicles 24:17-18a (NIV)**

<sup>17</sup> After the death of Jehoiada, the officials of Judah came and paid homage to the king, and he listened to them. <sup>18</sup> They abandoned the temple of the LORD, the God of their fathers, and worshiped Asherah poles and idols. ...

4. Live a life that pleases God

**1 Thessalonians 4:1 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> Finally, brothers, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more.