



2 Timothy 1:13-14

Hold on to the pattern of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard, through the Holy Spirit who lives in us, that good thing entrusted to you. (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

A Father's Wise Words: "Debi, don't believe everything you read. Much of what you read in the daily newspaper is not true."

These are the words my dad spoke to me as a young girl. I remembered them recently as I thought about Truth. If dad were to warn me today, he would need to include all media. We have media messages assaulting us wherever we are. There are even TV screens at the gas pumps blaring messages as we fuel up our vehicles. How do we sort out who has the best product and who is telling the truth? We do the research for ourselves.

One of our daughters was facing an important life decision, several years ago. At that time I was watching Oprah quite regularly. She happened to be addressing the subject that our child was facing. The way the subject was handled helped me to formulate questions that I could present to our daughter. These were questions that she needed to answer before she could continue in this particular relationship. With God's guidance, our daughter was able to make the right decision. But, Oprah is not always right.

Today we have access to a multitude of people who have a variety of philosophies and beliefs. Many of these people have great ideas and helpful tips, but when they begin to approach spiritual areas, we need to have discernment. Remember, Satan's purpose is to present us with lies, and half truths. Through popular thought he is able to confuse us. No one person is always right, and no one is always wrong. We need to study these things for ourselves. We need to be sure we are in tune with God's Word, so that He is able to help us discern what truth is.

Before accepting a "new" idea, be sure to study it in light of all scripture, and seek the council of men and women in whom you see God at work consistently. Remember God's teaching in Philippians 1:9-11:

⁹ And I pray this: that your love will keep on growing in knowledge and every kind of discernment, ¹⁰ so that you can determine what really matters and can be pure and blameless ⁽¹⁾ in the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that [comes] through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God."

Women's Retreats for 2010

The date for the Ontario Retreat is now set for April 9-11, 2010 at Stayner Bible Conference Grounds. Details and registration information will be available in the fall. Plans are underway for an Alberta retreat. If you would like to hold a retreat in your area, please contact me.

EMCWomen Mission Trip 2010

The dates for our Romania Team trip will be the end of September and the beginning of October. We will be ministering for two weeks. If you are interested, please contact me.

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