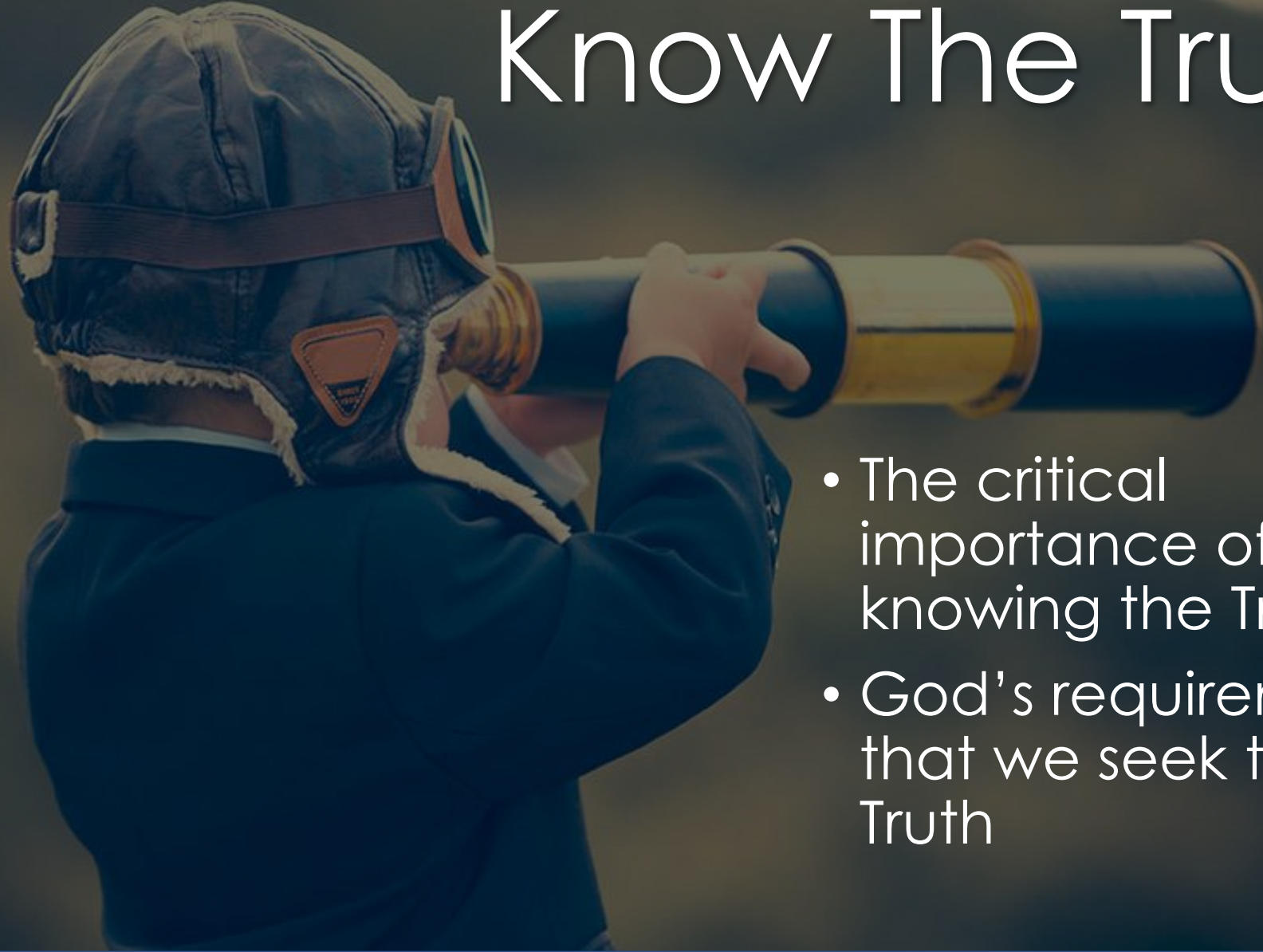


How Can I Be Certain That I Know The Truth?



- The critical importance of knowing the Truth
- God's requirement that we seek the Truth

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- The key to it all is a good and honest heart – **intellectual honesty**

A close-up photograph of a small green seedling with two leaves growing out of a mound of dark soil. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green. The text "The Good Ground" is overlaid in white, centered horizontally and partially overlapping the seedling's stem.

The Good Ground

Luke 8:15

The Importance of Honesty in Finding and Knowing the Truth

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- Finding the Truth depends on what we intend to do with that Truth (Jn.7:17)

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- We will not see or recognize the Truth that we do not want to see (Matt.13:10-17)

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- God will actually lead those people away from the truth who are not honestly seeking to know and obey His will (2 Thess.2:9-12)

Testing the Honesty of Our Heart

- What am I doing about the Truth that I already know?
(Jas.1:21, 25)
 - Am I truly capable of being persuaded or is my mind already made up? (Jas.3:17)
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Testing the Honesty of Our Heart

- Do I tend to believe that the Truth is whatever I want it to be?
 - Am I “fair-minded” and impartial?
 - Do I decide questions on the basis of evidence or consequence?
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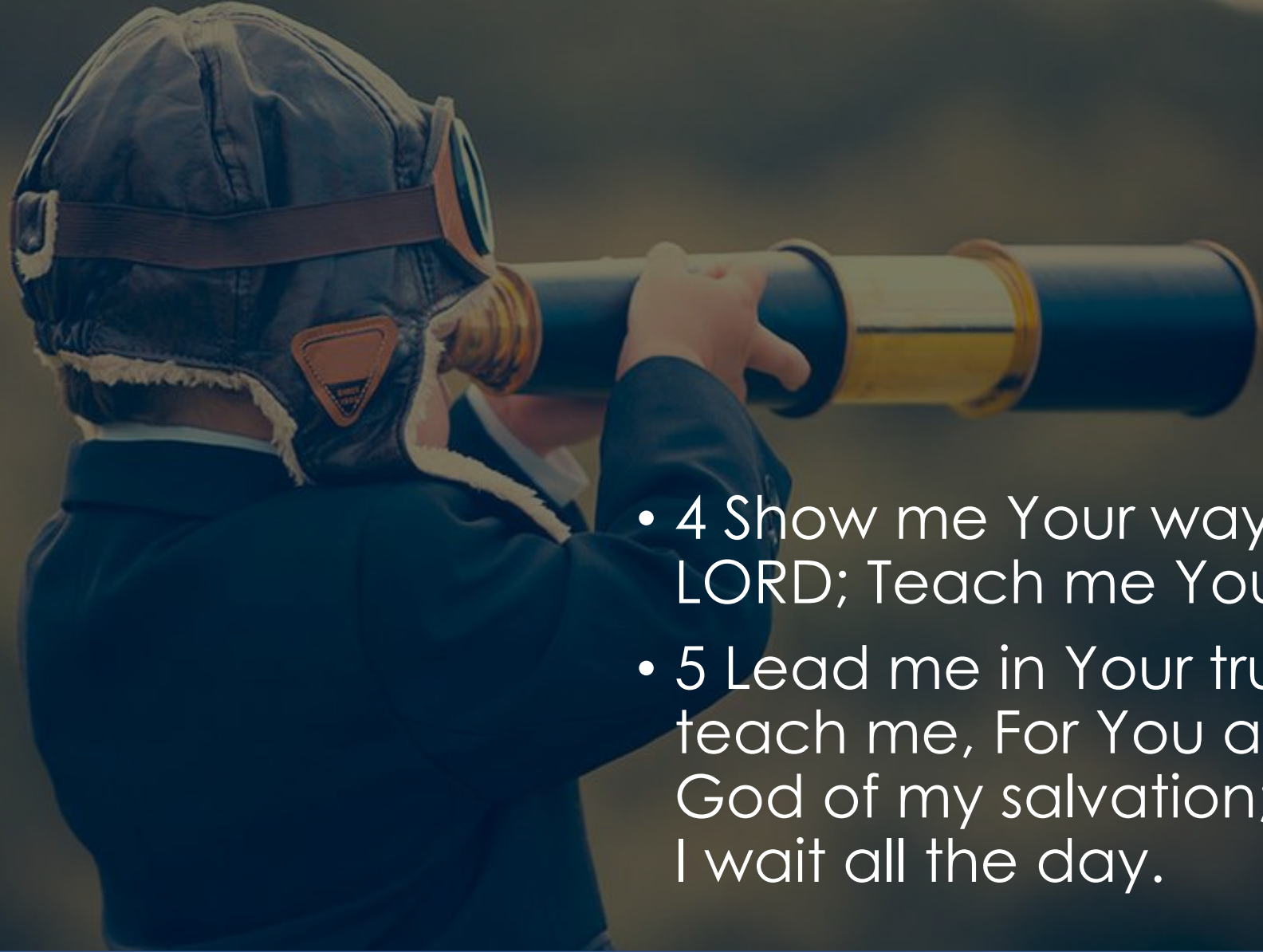


Testing the Honesty of Our Heart

- How careful and diligent am I about seeking the Truth?
 - Do I have reservations about how far I would be willing to go in accepting the implications and consequences of the Truth? (*Matt.19:16-22*)
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Psalm 25:4-5



- 4 Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths.
- 5 Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day.