

How People React To Learning The Truth

John 8:31-32 only continuing in the truth will set us free from sin

John 17:17 God's word defines for us what the truth is

Some People Get Angry:

- II Chron 26:16-21 Uzziah But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction: for he transgressed against ... God, and went into the temple of the Lord to burn incense upon the altar of incense. And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him fourscore priests of the Lord, that were valiant men: And they withstood Uzziah the king, and said unto him, It appertaineth not unto thee, Uzziah, to burn incense unto the Lord, but to the priests the sons of Aaron, that are consecrated to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary; for thou hast trespassed Then Uzziah was **wroth**, and had a censer in his hand to burn incense: and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his forehead before the priests in the house of the Lord, from beside the incense altar. And Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him, and, behold, he was leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out from thence; yea, himself hasted also to go out, because the Lord had smitten him. And Uzziah the king was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a several house, being a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the Lord ...
- Mark 6:17-18,24,27 Herodias asked for John the Baptist's head
- Acts 7:51-59 the Jews stoned Stephen

Some People Repent/Change:

- Acts 2:36-38,41 those on Pentecost
- Acts 18:24-28 Apollos
- Acts 19:1-5 the Ephesians

Some People Do Nothing:

- Acts 24:24-25 Felix trembled but did not respond
- Acts 26:27-28 King Agrippa heard the truth but did nothing

Why Do Some People Not Change/Obey?:

- John 12:42-43 the chief (religious) rulers weren't willing to give up their religious error
- Matt 19:21-22 the rich young ruler let money get in his way of following the Lord
- Luke 18:29-30 some people are not willing to give up the beliefs of their parents
- Heb 11:24-26 some people are not willing to give up the pleasure of sin
- Luke 14:33 some do not love God enough to make the total commitment required

Our reaction to learning truth is determined by the kind of heart we have:

- Luke 8:11-15 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. But that on the good ground are they, which in an **honest and good heart**, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.
- But we determine what kind of heart we are going to have - Ezra 7:10 Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it