

Truth  
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*The statement found approval with the whole congregation; and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch.*  
Acts 6:5 (NASB)

### 1. **TRUTH** made known.

*"You men who are stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears are always resisting the Holy Spirit; you are doing just as your fathers did.<sup>52</sup> "Which one of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? They killed those who had previously announced the coming of the Righteous One, whose betrayers and murderers you have now become;<sup>53</sup> you who received the law as ordained by angels, and yet did not keep it."*  
Acts 7:51-53 (NASB)

*Then Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly of men, women and all who could listen with understanding, on the first day of the seventh month.*  
Nehemiah 8:2 (NASB)

*They read from the book, from the law of God, translating to give the sense so that they understood the reading.*  
Nehemiah 8:8 (NASB)

*Then Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people were weeping when they heard the words of the law.*  
Nehemiah 8:9 (NASB)

### 2. Truth should move us into **ACTION**.

*Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest,<sup>2</sup> and asked for letters from him to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.<sup>3</sup> As he was traveling, it happened that he was approaching Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed*

*around him;<sup>4</sup> and he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"<sup>5</sup> And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" And He said, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting,<sup>6</sup> but get up and enter the city, and it will be told you what you must do."*  
Acts 9:1-6 (NASB)

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Acts 9:6 (NASB)

*And he took food and was strengthened. Now for several days he was with the disciples who were at Damascus,<sup>20</sup> and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."<sup>21</sup> All those hearing him continued to be amazed, and were saying, "Is this not he who in Jerusalem destroyed those who called on this name, and who had come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?"*  
Acts 9:19-21 (NASB)

*But as he was discussing righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix became frightened and said, "Go away for the present, and when I find time I will summon you."*  
Acts 24:25 (NASB)

### 3. Pride can prevent us from **RESPONDING** to the truth.

*When pride comes, then comes dishonor, But with the humble is wisdom.*  
Proverbs 11:2 (NASB)

*A man's pride will bring him low, But a humble spirit will obtain honor.*  
Proverbs 29:23 (NASB)

*"I will pronounce My judgments on them concerning all their wickedness, whereby they have forsaken Me and have offered sacrifices to other gods, and worshiped the works of their own hands.*  
Jeremiah 1:16 (NASB)

*"You shall speak all these words to them, but they will not listen to you; and you shall call to them, but they will not answer you.*  
Jeremiah 7:27 (NASB)