

BELIEVE INSPIRED TRUTH, NOT INSPIRED ERROR

Note to the circuit overseer:

Use this outline for the Tuesday evening service talk from September 2015 through February 2016. You will need to prepare your own 30-minute service talk for use after the *Watchtower* Study

WHAT IS MEANT BY “INSPIRED TRUTH” AND “INSPIRED ERROR”? (3 min.)

We know that God’s Word is the source of inspired truth (Joh 17:17)

But is there such a thing as inspired error?

Yes, there is, according to **1 John 4:6 [Read]**

In this verse, the apostle John contrasts “the inspired statement of truth” with “the inspired statement of error”

How can we distinguish between what is true and what is false?

John answers: By gaining the knowledge of God (Pr 11:9)

Jehovah is the Source of all truth

The Devil inspires error [**Read Revelation 16:13, 14**]

The unclean froglike expressions referred to in those two verses represent teachings of demons, that is, demon-inspired propaganda

What are some of the teachings of demons, and who can be misled?

UNBELIEVERS ARE MISLED BY DEMONIC PROPAGANDA (8 min.)

People often accept without question ideas promoted in *the media*

Many in the world are fooled into thinking that *politicians* can solve mankind’s problems

Millions of others are deceived by teachings of *Babylon the Great*

When a calamity occurs, clergymen say that it was the will of God

This makes it difficult for their followers to love God

Only by reasoning on Bible truth can we discern the issues clearly and combat teachings not rooted in truth

[In the following examples, contrast fleshly thinking with God’s view as expressed in the accompanying scriptures. Make practical application as time permits, emphasizing the positive results realized when we do things God’s way]

‘God will accept me as I am’ versus Ezekiel 18:25 (*w08* 11/15 3-5)

‘It is unnatural to remain morally chaste’ versus 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5 (*yp2* 48-53)

‘Revenge is sweet’ versus Proverbs 24:29 (*yb10* 63-64)

‘Right or wrong is determined by how I feel’ versus Proverbs 28:26 and Jeremiah 17:9 (*w06* 1/1 4-7)

‘You have to look out for yourself’ versus Romans 15:3 and 1 Corinthians 10:24 (*w05* 6/1 12-14)

‘Prepare for the future by saving a lot of money’ versus 1 Timothy 6:9, 17-19 (*w02* 4/15 4-7)

CHRISTIANS TOO CAN BE OVERREACHED BY INSPIRED ERROR (8 min.)

Jehovah’s people are not immune to the influence of demonic propaganda [**Read 1 Timothy 4:1**]

If we are overcome by fleshly thinking, we could begin giving voice to thoughts that are not God’s (Mt 16:23)

[As time permits, consider examples from the following list and explain how the false reasoning serves the Devil’s purpose. Then emphasize the benefits we enjoy when we heed the Bible’s advice]

‘Higher education will help you on the road to success’ versus Matthew 5:3; Matthew 6:22, 23; and Philippians 3:4, 8, 9 (*w05* 10/1 29-30 par. 12)

‘I believe that Armageddon will come sometime, but not in my lifetime’ versus Habakkuk 2:3 and Matthew 24:44 (*w04* 10/1 20-23)

‘Jehovah could never forgive me for what I have done’ versus Isaiah 1:18 (*cl* 242-246)

‘Viewing pornography is harmless fun’ versus Job 31:1, Proverbs 4:23, and Romans 12:9 (*yp2* 273-278)

‘There is no harm in developing a friendship with a stranger or looking for a mate by browsing the Internet’ versus Psalm 26:4, Proverbs 13:20, and 1 Corinthians 15:33 (*yp2* 99-104)

‘I associate only with my peers; older people are boring and out of touch’ versus 1 Kings 12:8, 16 and Titus 2:1-5 (*g04* 12/8 10, 12)

PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW THE TRUTH (9 min.)

Billions today are in mental and spiritual bondage

God’s Word can help them to break free [**Read 2 Corinthians 10:5**]

[Share encouraging points you noted while reviewing the congregation’s records. Highlight one or two suggestions that will help publishers to improve their skills in the ministry, particularly with regard to making return visits, conducting effective Bible studies, or other local needs. (*km* 7/15 1, 3; *km* 6/15 1) Outline the schedule for the week]

WE ARE NOT IGNORANT OF THE DEVIL’S DESIGNS (2 min.)

We are not fooled by expressions coming out of Satan’s mouth

We live by expressions proceeding from Jehovah’s mouth (Mt 4:4)

Happy is the one who “comes to know God”! (1Jo 4:6)