

“The Truth about You Is”

“Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us.”

Romans 12:3 (NLT)

**The truth about you is,
you don't know the truth about you**

1. The truth about you is: you often miss the obvious when struggling or in a battle

“At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples couldn't see who he was. He called out, ‘Fellows, have you caught any fish?’ ‘No,’ they replied. Then he said, ‘Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you'll get some!’ So they did, and they couldn't haul in the net because there were so many fish in it. Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, ‘It's the Lord!’ When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), jumped into the water, and headed to shore. The others stayed with the boat and pulled the loaded net to the shore, for they were only about a hundred yards from shore. When they got there, they found breakfast waiting for them—fish cooking over a charcoal fire, and some bread.” John 21:4-9 (NLT)

Why did John have to tell Peter what was so obvious to him?

2. The truth about you is: your trust needs to be tested

“About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, ‘It’s a ghost!’ But Jesus spoke to them at once. ‘Don’t be afraid,’ he said. ‘Take courage. I am here!’ Then Peter called to him, ‘Lord, if it’s really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water.’”
Matthew 14:25-28 (NLT)

3. The truth about you is: truth that hurts you can be more helpful than truth that flatters

“But Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things. ‘Heaven forbid, Lord,’ he said. ‘This will never happen to you!’ Jesus turned to Peter and said, ‘Get away from me, Satan! You are a dangerous trap to me. You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God’s.’”
Matthew 16:22-23 (NLT)

Am I quicker to see and pass judgment on others than I am to see and feel the painful truth about me? _____

4. The truth about you is: pressure is a good predictor of your performance

“Peter declared, ‘Even if everyone else deserts you, I will never desert you.’ Jesus replied, ‘I tell you the truth, Peter—this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me.’ ‘No!’ Peter insisted. ‘Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you!’ And all the other disciples vowed the same.”
Matthew 26:33-35 (NLT)

5. The truth about you is: accountability is necessary to keep you from the trap of temptation

“Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. ‘Simon,’ he said to Peter, ‘are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.’”
Mark 14:37-38 (NIV)

6. The truth about you is: _____

“The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus. But since they could see the man who had been healed standing right there among them, there was nothing the council could say. So they ordered Peter and John out of the council chamber and conferred among themselves.”

Acts 4:13-15 (NLT)