

Don't Believe Everything You Hear

We truly live in the “information age”. The vast amount of knowledge we have available at our finger tips is truly astounding. It would seem that any question we might have can be answered with just a key punch, tap or swipe. In just the past few years the voice recognition technology has advanced such that we don't have to type the question but just ask it out loud and we'll get the answer. But as with any advancement of technology caution must be used and we must deal wisely with the information we receive.

Misinformation, lies, half-truths, and propaganda are rampant and fill our news feeds and social media platforms. But for the Christian the truth was established long ago and it is our responsibility to “*buy the truth and sell it not*” (Prov. 23:23). As we make daily decisions about our lives and form opinions on the things we see and hear we must use the bible as a standard to arrive at “*righteous judgements*” (John 7:24). Don't believe everything you see and hear, especially concerning spiritual matters. We must be like the folks of Acts 17:11 and search the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things are so. Depending on media sources to determine and set our moral compass is a spiritually dangerous practice. Rather we must meditate on things true, noble, just, pure and lovely as prescribed by Philippians 4:8 because the information we get from God's word is always true and genuine.

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