

## Correcting Some Myths

Myth #1: Truth is being broad-minded. The truth of the matter is, is that all truth is narrow, especially, religious and moral truths. One plus one equals two, not three, or four, or even one and a half, or two and one quarter. No, one plus one only equals two. There are fifty states in these United States. Not forty eight or fifty one. There are just fifty states and only fifty states. Not one more nor one less. There are nine planets. Not eight, nor ten, just nine. Only a validly licensed and authorized pilot can pilot a 747 airplane for TWA, and only a validly authorized doctor can perform surgery. In every single field truth is narrow and not broad. But most especially, in the area of ultimate truths, that is religious truth. There is only one God. Jesus is His only and Incarnate Son. There are ten Commandments, not nine, nor eleven, and they are not suggestions, nor multiple choice, nor some man's subjective reasonings. There is only one Church, founded by Jesus as His Mystical Body. There are 27 Books in the New Testament and 45 in the Old Testament. There are seven Sacraments and twelve articles in the Apostle's Creed. And there have been twenty one Ecumenical Councils that have used the infallible prophetic authority first given to Simon Peter in Caesaria Phillipi. Yes, all truth is narrow.

Myth #2. A person has a right to sin. In a highly permissive society, many begin to think that a person has a right to sin. But the truth of the matter is just the opposite. No one has a right to rob my house, to sodomize my child, to rape my daughter, or even to use offensive speech in my presence.

Myth #3. Freedom of Speech. Freedom of Speech should actually be freedom of responsible speech. Nobody has the right on a crowded airplane to stand up and cry out "I am a terrorist and I have a bomb" even if they may be joking. Nobody has a right to address a female secretary in explicitly sexual overtones. Nobody has a right to use obscene words in front of anyone, but especially not in front of children. The truth of the matter is that "freedom of speech" is a myth and freedom of responsible speech is not. All speech must be both free and responsible.