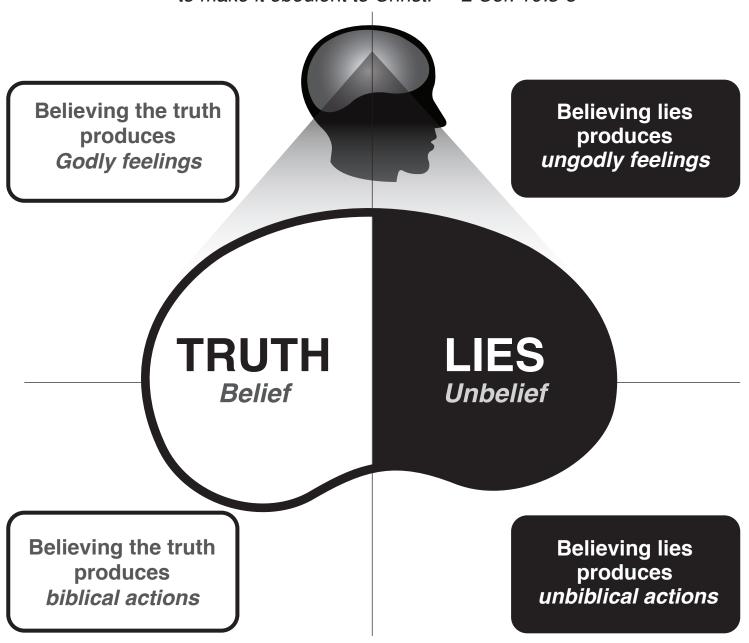
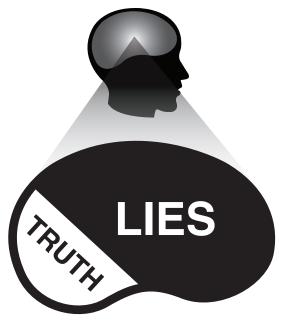
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"We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." 2 Cor. 10:3-5



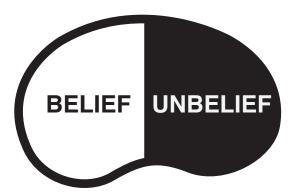
- You have truth and lies entering your mind on a continuing basis.
- You can decide which thoughts are based in God's truth and which are not.
- You are capable of choosing to believe truth and choosing to dismiss lies.
- Your decisions will be made in accordance with what you choose to believe.
- Your feelings and behaviors are determined by your choice to believe truth or lies.



"All of us lived among them at one time, gratifying the craving of our sinful nature, and following its desires and thoughts." —Eph. 2:3

# Immature Believer Life dominated by lies of Satan/self

- Motivated by self-centeredness
- · Manifested in not trusting
  - -God's character and wisdom
  - -God's commands and promises
- Produces decisions that are disobedient to God's Word



"...for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind...he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways." —James 1:6,7

### <u>Double-Minded Man</u> The struggle for control

- At times doubts God's character and Word
- · At times trusts God's character and Word
- Produces decisions that are inconsistent and wavering



"Don't be conformed to the World, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind..." —Romans 12:2

#### **Mature Believer**

#### Life dominated by God's Truth

- · Grows in biblical knowledge
- Develops Godly wisdom
- Produces decisions in obedience to God's Word