

GETTING TO THE TRUTH PROV. 18:13,15,17

All of these principles will aid us in getting to the truth.

None can, in and of themselves, overcome bias

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1. Get the facts

Proverbs 18:13 He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, It is folly and shame unto him.

2. Get the facts before you make up your mind

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3. Actively get the facts!

Proverbs 18:15 The heart of the prudent **getteth** knowledge; And the ear of the wise **seeketh** knowledge.

2 ages scare me:

Old → believe what they read

Youth → too lazy/follow the crowd

In all groups there is:

Far too much passivity

Far too much gossip

Far too much confusing tidbits with understanding

Far too much trivia

4. Get all the facts!

5. Get all the facts from all sides

Proverbs 18:17 He that is first in his own cause **seemeth** just; **But** his neighbour cometh and searcheth him.

Numbers 35:30 Whoso killeth any person, the murderer shall be put to death by the mouth of witnesses: **but** one witness shall not testify against any person to cause him to die.

Deuteronomy 17:6 At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; **but** at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death. **Deuteronomy 17:7** The hands of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. So thou shalt put the evil away from among you.

[Deut. 17:2-7 & 19:15-19]

Deuteronomy 19:15 One witness shall **not** rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: **at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.**

Matthew 18:15 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. **Matthew 18:16** But if he will not hear thee, **then** take with thee one **or** two more, **that** in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be

established. **Matthew 18:17** And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

2 Corinthians 13:1 This is the **third time** I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall **every** word be established.

1 Timothy 5:19 Against an elder receive not an accusation, **but before two or three witnesses.**

6. Get the facts first

7. Get the facts or don't get an opinion and certainly don't give an opinion

8. After getting **new / **more** facts, change your opinions if the facts change!**

“ When the facts change, I change my mind! What do you do sir?”