Key Terms

Lesson 1 - Veritology: What is Truth?

**Antithesis**: The complete or exact opposite of something. The truth claims of God in direct opposition to the lies of the world, the flesh and the devil.

**Bifurcation**: To divide or separate into two parts; to split or branch off into two parts

**Common Insanity**: A sickness we all suffer from. We have bought into the lies of the world, the flesh, and the devil and therefore we live as if the lie is true, denying reality.

**Compass illustration**: looking at life from a 360 degree perspective. A graphic means to illustrate that there is no area in life that God has not spoken.

**Comprehensive**: Covering a wide area, all inclusive, large in scope.

**Cosmic Battle**: Battle between God's Truth and the lies and illusions of the world, the flesh and the devil. The arguments and pretensions that set themselves up against the knowledge of God, against His nature and His word.

**Delude**: To lead from God's truth into false beliefs; persuade somebody to believe in something that is untrue or unreal.

**Idol**: A false source of salvation, sustenance, or power. Isaiah 44 equates an idol to a lie. These lies lead us into insane notions.

**Insanity**: Losing touch with reality; believing the lie is real. Extreme foolishness or an act that demonstrates it.

**Jewels in the Cave**: Dr. Tackett often refers to specific topics or truth claims that are of particular interest as "jewels in the cave."

**Pathology**: Any condition that is a departure or deviation from the true design. Dr. Tackett uses "pathology" to describe areas of distortion within the social spheres.

**Pell-mell**: In a disorderly frantic rush; confused, jumbled or messy manner.

**Pernicious Lie**: The lie that man is basically good and that his greatest need is to self-actualize and get in touch with his inner desires.
**Spheres:** Social institutions or systems that we live and interact in (family, church, state, labor, community, and the intimate relationship between God and man). Each sphere has distinct members with unique roles and responsibilities.

**Systematic:** Carried out in a methodical and organized manner; deliberate and regular system of organization.

**Tour:** Dr. Tackett likes to refer to each lesson as a tour in which he is our guide.

**Truth temple illustration:** a logical and graphic framework to organize Truth Project topics.

**Truth:** Correspondence to reality. Truth is that which is really real. Our actions reflect what we believe to be really real.

**Veritology:** The study of Truth; particularly the study of God's character and His Word as it relates to reality.

**Worldview:** A comprehensive set of truth claims that purports to paint a picture of reality; the framework from which we view reality and make sense of life and the world.