John, in his first letter, mentions liars six times.

1Jn 1:6 "If we say that we have fellowship with God and walk in darkness, we tell a lie and do not practise the truth."

1Jn 1:10 "If we say that we have not sinned we make God a liar, and his word is not in us."

1Jn 2:4 "He who says, 'I know Him' and does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

1Jn 2:22 "Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ?"

1Jn 4:20 "If someone says, 'I love God' and hates his brother, he is a liar."

1Jn 5:10 "He who does not believe God has made God a liar because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of his Son."

As a matter of interest, the Greek word used by John that means "to tell a lie" is pseudomai and you will recognize a relation of this in many English words that start with pseudo.

Let us now turn to what John says about truth. John's concern about truth revolves around two main things:

(1) There are antichrists in the world who teach lies and try to deceive. John does not want people to be led astray from the truth.

(2) John has born witness to the truth and his witness is true because it comes from Jesus Christ and his Holy Spirit. John wants people to follow this truth.

On this basis, John espouses seven principles relating to truth.

1. The antichrist is opposed to truth

(a) Antichrists, false teachers, have already arisen. "Even now many antichrists have arisen. From this we know it is the last hour" (1Jn 2:18; 4:5).

(b) False teachers were not genuine converts. "They went out from us but they were not really of us" (1Jn 2:19).