

Living Out Your Faith in Uncertain Times

Be Authentic, Let His Light Shine through You

2 Corinthians 4:1-7

They know nothing, they understand nothing. They walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. Psalm 82:5

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:6

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. Isaiah 9:2

HOW TO FAITHFULLY LET THE LIGHT OF CHRIST SHINE THROUGH US IN A SPIRITUALLY DARK AND NEEDY WORLD.

1. We Must Remain Positive in a _____ World

Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart.

2 Corinthians 4:1

Evidence of America's _____ Breakdown

- Relentless attacks of homosexual activists to gain approval in public schools
- Safe-sex promotion in schools instead of _____
- Pro-abortion sentiment that sometimes it is not wrong to kill a new born baby
- Euthanasia
- Internet pornography
- Political corruption

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. 1 John 4:4

And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. Matthew 16:18

"But a time is coming, and has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me. "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." **John 16:32-33**

The Light of Christ is always more powerful than the _____ .

The law was added so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more **Romans 5:20**

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. **1 John 4:4 (NKJV)**

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. **Philippians 4:13**

2. We Must Demonstrate Integrity in a _____ World

Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. **2 Corinthians 4:2**

If the Light of Christ is going to shine in the Christian's life, it is imperative that we

_____ secret and shameful ways.

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.

Ephesians 5:1-3

Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. **1 Peter 2:12**

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. **2 Corinthians 4:3-4**

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. **John 3:19**

3. We Must Practice Servanthood in a _____ - _____ World

For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. **2 Corinthians 4:5**

3. We Must Be Transparent in a _____ World

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. 2 Corinthians 4:7

Paul was a “Jar of _____”

“I am the chief of sinners” (1 Timothy 1:15)

“follow me as I follow Christ” (1 Corinthians 11:1)

“the good that I want to do I don’t always do” (Romans 7:19)

“I will not boast about myself, but I will boast about my weaknesses so that Christ power my rest on me.” 2 Corinthians 12:5

“But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. Luke 6:27-28

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