

Be A Light Bearer

The Gospel of The Kingdom - Week 15 (6-15-22)

1 Thes. 5:4-11

I. Absorb/Reflect/Shine the Light

A. Light is here and available

1. Psalm 112:4 & 97:11
2. John 1:4 - The light of men has already been sown in the earth, and we can receive it in us
3. Eph. 5:7-11 We are children of the light

B. Work to more accurately reflect and shine the light

1. We need to work to be sending as clear of a signal as we can. (Be as pure of a light source as we can be)
 - a) “Bet let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.” - Matt. 5:37
 - b) Isaiah 5:13 & 20
 - (1) They have no knowledge (illumination) of God and His works, so woe to those who call evil good and good evil.
 - (a) Romans 1:28 - 2:2 - “...We are sure that the judgement of God is according to truth against them...”
 - (b) You can call light, darkness all you want but it still doesn’t change the nature or the power of the light. - It will still prevail against the darkness!

C. The power of Focused light

1. Proverbs 16:3 (Young’s Literal) - “Roll unto Jehovah thy works, and established are thy purposes”
2. Colos. 3:1-5 “Set your affection on things above...”
3. 1 Corin. 9:26 - “I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air.”
4. No matter the quality of light that you are projecting, no amount of darkness can stop it!
 - a) Darkness never determines the dimness of a light source. It’s our responsibility to grow brighter and brighter - We can’t blame it on the darkness.
 - (1) Our light grows brighter when we focus our attention on the main source of light. - 2 Corin. 3:16-18
 - (2) The light cleanses us so that we can shine even brighter!

D. Stay Hooked up to the power source

1. In a dark world there’s not a lot of light to reflect, but we are powered lights. We have an internal power supply. - Acts 1:8
2. The Holy Spirit is our power generator, and only He can illuminate the hearts of the people that we try to shine the light into.
 - a) 2 Corin. 4:3-6

II. Hold it up High

A. Matt. 5:14-16

B. Don't be ashamed - Philippians 2:16

1. The very process of using light for direction and hope will expose what's in the darkness.
 - a) We will naturally be stirring things up by shining the light to light our own path.
 - (1) 2 Tim. 3:12 - "...all that will live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."
 - (a) John 3:16-21 - "...men loved darkness rather than light..."

C. Our light gives direction and hope (like a light house or flashlight).

1. Only to those who are awake. Those who are asleep or slumbering do not typically receive the light.
2. Colo. 1:23

D. Don't get distracted by the darkness

1. You would never put your flashlight down to go explore the darkness.
 - a) Just keep shining your light.

E. Jesus defined the light as good works, but they must be "illuminated" works.

1. Let the Holy Spirit be your "light modifier."
 - a) He knows what type of lighting is best for any situation!