

Shine The Light

There are untold numbers of Christian people who do not outwardly show a transformed life because they intentionally hide their faith. These dear souls keep their belief in their private – personal – closet. They never get beyond the fear of publicly, which would allow others, to recognize that they are walking through this life, having accepted a personal – growing – relationship with Jesus Christ.

In the book Signs of Life, Dr. David Jeremiah writes it this way; “Egged on by an entertainment industry and national media that often paint us in a negative light, our society tends to have an unfavorable view of Christians. At the same time, however, the very culture in which we live desperately needs genuine people who display signs of abundant living. This world is starved for love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness, radiance, simplicity, honesty, and compassion. Christians specialize in these things.

It’s not enough to talk about the Lord, as important as that is, it’s not enough to serve Him in secret with our acts of private devotion. We have to display the lifestyle of the Nazarene in the midst of our corrupt culture. Jesus called it letting our light shine before men that they might see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven. The apostle Paul said, *‘Do all things... without complaining... that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.’* (Philippians 2:14-15).”

When Christians shine, people notice. When they become light for a dark world, people respond. When they stay faithful in the midst of crooked and perverse surroundings, people follow. Others notice, respond, and follow, because; in their intermost private thoughts, others are begging for what Christian people already have.

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