

LIGHT OF THE WORLD



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2 Corinthians 9:15

*“Thanks be unto God for His
indescribable gift.”*



Florence Chadwick

People get stuck in the FOG.

Fear:-- false evidence appears real

Obtuseness:-- dull, uninformed

Guilt:-- self accused, inner conflict

Matthew 25:25

“And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.”

Austrian psychologist **Carl Jung**

“Those psychiatrists who are not superficial have come to the conclusion that the vast neurotic misery of the world could be termed a neurosis of emptiness.

DARKNESS Men cut themselves off from the root of their being, from God, and then life turns empty, inane, meaningless, without purpose.”

Genesis 1:2-3

“The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light.”

Isaiah 9:2, 6, 7, 9

“The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; ... For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; ... Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, ... The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.”

Isaiah 60:1-3 *“Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.”*

Ephesians 5:8

“For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.”

Matthew 5:14

“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.”

What defines you determines you.

Identity is the most important power that determines our actions. We will act according to our views of who we truly are—whether these views are accurate or not.

We are the light of the world!

Psalm 65:11

“You crown the year with Your goodness, And Your paths drip with abundance.”

Proverbs 4:18 {MSG}

“The ways of right-living people glow with light; the longer they live, the brighter they shine.

Psalm 89:15 *“Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! They walk, O Lord, in the light of Your countenance.”*

(AMP) *“...know the joyful sound [who understand and appreciate the spiritual blessings symbolized by the feasts]; they walk, O Lord, in the light and favor of Your countenance!*

Psalm 102:13-16

*“Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon **Zion**: for the time to favour her, yea, the **set time**, is come.... So the heathen shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory. When the LORD shall **build up Zion**, he shall **appear in his glory**.”*

Galatians 4:4

“But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,”

God is still working out His plan.

You are a part of that plan.

7 Actions For Wise Transitions.

1. Pay Attention

*“...we have **seen** His star...” vs. 2*

God speaks your language!

The Wise Men **recognized** that an event of global significance was taking place.

Not going to be **distracted** by noisy negatives.

Two types of consciousness.

1. **Automatic – Reacting**

Same thing over and over.

2. **Accountable – Responding**

A working awareness ...adjusting.

NASA to the space shuttle entering the atmosphere. Transitioning to another atmosphere demands the right attitude.

Philippians 2:5-7 NLT

*“You must have the same attitude (Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, **NKJV**) that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave.”*

1 Peter 1:13

*“Wherefore gird up the loins
...(**Osphus**:—the place where the
Hebrews thought the generative
power (semen) resided. Your mind
is your procreative tool. Your world
is shaped in your thinking. Think
right) ...of your mind,...”*

A prepared attitude - ready mind!

2. Consumed With A Purpose

“... come to worship Him.” vs. 2

“Empires of the future are empires of the mind.” Winston Churchill

Philippians 3:12

“... but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.”

Apostle Paul

Acts 26:19

“So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven.”

3. Willing To Exert Themselves

“...at its rising and have come...”

vs. 2 (AMP)

Hebrews 11:6 *“...rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”*

Romans 12:11 *“Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.”*

4. Not Going To Give Up

“...they went their way...” vs. 9

Herod didn't spook them. They pressed on.

Galatians 6:7-9

“God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows ... at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

5. Willing To Get Happy

“When they saw the star, they were thrilled with ecstatic joy.” vs. 10

Pursuing God is a joy filled trip.

Be responsible for how you feel ...
rule your emotions.

Caroline Leaf “The Gift In You” 143

“...an attitude is a cluster of thoughts with an emotional flavour, and every type of emotion has one of two roots — love or fear. Love and fear are the root emotions, and all other emotions grow from these. ... these two cannot coexist, that at any one moment we will be operating in one or the other.”

Page 146 “Love literally wipes out fear.”

6. Willing To Worship

“...fell down and worshiped Him.

Then opening their treasure bags,...” (11)

God wants worshippers who worship.

7. Willing To Change

“...departed to their own country by a different way.” vs. 12

You can't go back the same way when you have had a genuine **encounter** with Jesus.

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Hear what He's saying NOW!

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