

A life of integrity and witness

How a holy life impacts your witness for Christ

A worthy walk, part 4, Philippians 2:15

Introduction

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Probable Growth

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I. IMPACTING YOU

Verse 15a so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God

Purpose

Probable Growth

Private Holiness

1 Thessalonians 3:13 so that He may establish your hearts without blame in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints. Romans 16:19 ... I want you to be wise in what is good and innocent in what is evil.

Matthew 10:16 Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves.

Psalms 101:2 ... I will walk within my house in the integrity of my heart.

Personal Relationship

John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, 1 John 3:1 See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God;

1 John 3:10 By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother.

II. IMPACTING YOUR WITNESS

Verse 15b above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world,

Shown Holiness

Daniel 6:5 We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God

Surrounded

Sick people

Isaiah 5:20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! John 17:15 I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

Shine

Matthew 5:16 Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven

Splendor

A. Do you seek to live privately _____?

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

B. Are you actually pursuing _____?

1st Are you leading your wife and children _____?

2nd Are you leading your family to be a _____ in the world?

C. Have you seen the _____?

Mark 2:17 Jesus said to them, "It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick; I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

QUESTIONS TO PROMOTE GROWTH IN CHRISTLIKENESS - BECOME A DOER OF THE WORD...

- 1-Why does Paul address their personal holiness and their public witness in verse 15 in this context?
- 2-Why is it so easy to appear holy, but not to focus on private, personal, and hidden holiness?
- 3-Why does Paul call the Philippians CHILDREN OF GOD in this context?
- 4-How is it possible for anyone to live ABOVE REPROACH in this world? What does living above reproach cost?
- 5-Practically describe what it looks like when Christians shine like stars in a black sky as a witness for Christ.
- 6-What steps will you dependently pursue this week in private holiness and public witness?

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