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Endorsements

I've known Bill and Sue for more than 20 years. They are two extraordinary people. They have high-pressure jobs and yet lead a low-stress life. They are gifted in speaking, leading worship, writing, entertaining, etc. They have great stage skills. But more important than these, they love God and seek to live by the teachings of Jesus. As their pastor, I get to cheer them on and at times I've spoken correction. They laugh, they cry, they are real people! This book is about being real. Bill and Sue will take you on a journey out of the hard and complicated and into the "I can do this" realm. I love the stories, the insights and the wisdom contained in this book!

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CATCH THE FIRE TORONTO

The Goal will help you take two-way journaling and the voice of God into your everyday life, as you journal about the key sayings of Jesus.

DR. MARK VIRKLER, PRESIDENT,
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My husband and I were completely blown away by Bill's first book, The Secret Place. It brought us in a much deeper relationship with God. This book is a logical sequel of the first one: living with God, what does it look like in our daily lives. It's written in the same clear language, with a lot of examples. The questions at the end of each chapter help you to apply it to your own life.

Since we read the first book, we've met Bill and Sue several times, and were also guests in their house and family. That's why I know that this book is real, they live it: they are kind, loving, serving people attaching high value to family and they do go the extra mile (and yes, I know the Belgian professor in chapter 10).

ILSE CASSIMON-DESAEGER, SENIOR PASTOR,
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My wife Ros and I were working in Toronto in 1995/96 when the Renewal broke out at the airport church. It was huge and thousands of people were touched. Every night was like a conference. Amidst that we found a home group where Bill and Sue Dupley took us in and parented us through this journey of revival. I since have met many famous people in my 15 years with Iris Ministries—not many

compare to Bill and Sue Dupley—who walk the talk and live what they have written in this book.

Our lives were (and still are) impacted by these humble lovers of Jesus—who know what it means to walk in the garden with Jesus and sit at His feet. They walk in obedience in a real way with real people. They truly seek to hear God’s voice and walk in His love daily—whether at work, home, in a huge conference or in their lounge room. They are truly to us heroes of the faith

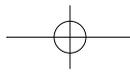
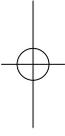
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I have known and worked with Sue and Bill for close to twenty years already, witnessing their hearts and gifts for the Lord and seeing them reach out and communicate very well with people of many different ages and backgrounds. They have written The Goal as another step in leading worship and preaching the Gospel! It is beautifully done, illustrated and explained in fundamental yet creative ways with much detail, ensuring that this book will bring many to understand both the need and the means to set their Goal well and how to go about achieving the Goal properly with the Lord completing our destiny for His kingdom purpose. I am so proud of them and this book. It is time well spent in setting and going for the one true and worthy Goal!

YOUNG-WHA KANG, FOUNDER,
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Out of all the people I know, Bill is the one whom I most see demonstrating a passion to see the Kingdom of God coming in his workplace. He combines a hunger to hear the voice of God speak with an equal hunger to see the will of God done where he works. He has demonstrated to me that the imaginary “spiritual/secular divide” is a fiction, as our Father in Heaven wants to speak His heart and will into every situation, family, government and country on earth. This book is timely, as Father God wants us to carry His light, His words and His love to every place He causes our feet to tread, and for the result to be a practical outpouring of His love in a way that can impact the very fabric of our society. Each chapter challenges and then leads us to a place of reflection and hopefully action in our own daily lives.”

DAVID WUYTS, PASTOR,
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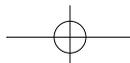
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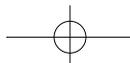
Foreword

The type of love Jesus both modelled and talked about was sacrificial, unconditional and selfless. Transformational! It's the type of love which benefits both the receiver and the giver. It can transform any relationship and any situation. It is costly to practice yet more fulfilling than any selfish pursuit. It is the best thing you could possibly pray for.

Michael Jackson sang about the "Man in the Mirror." He said, "I'm asking him to change his ways. And no message could have been any clearer: if you want to make the world a better place, take a look at yourself, and then make a change." You could read through this book quite quickly. But I encourage you to allow the Holy Spirit to show you the "Man (or woman) in the mirror." He will show you many ways to love more practically and effectively, and you will find a greater love and joy in your life. You will also become a blessing to those around you, and receive more of His presence and direction in all the areas of your life.

Paul the Apostle said, "*without love I am nothing.*" Love is the highest way of living. It will breathe life into us and all our relationships. This book will remind you of many practical ways of doing that. The words of God work! As you step into deeper obedience to His commands, your Father in Heaven will work with you, and you will never be alone. The weight will transfer from your shoulders to His. The adventure will return to your daily life. Life will work. Let Him begin to make the change.

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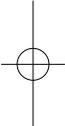
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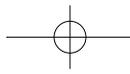
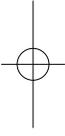


Personal Action Plan

This book is designed to help you develop your relationship with the Lord. At the end of each chapter there is a personal journaling exercise. These exercises will require you to write down what you feel God says to you. Since these words are often very personal, we recommend that you record what the Lord says to you in a separate notebook that you can review with a trusted friend. This will help you to begin your personal journey in developing a deeper place of intimacy and communication with the Lord. If you have never heard God's voice or do not always hear from God, I encourage you to read appendix D to learn how to consistently hear God's voice.

We have included examples all through the book of Father to son conversations. These are short letters we felt our Heavenly Father said to us on each topic in the book. We hope that these short examples will be an encouragement to you to develop your own personal journaling experiences with the Lord. If you would like to read more examples of this type of communication with your Heavenly Father, we have written another book called *The Secret Place*¹ that describes this experience in greater detail.

Jesus was always talking with His Father in Heaven. He said, "*I tell you the Son can do nothing by himself; He can do only what He sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does; the Son does.*"² This verse clearly shows that there was a close relationship between Jesus and His Father that was based on continuous communication. Jesus would often take time away from His disciples to have these Father-Son conversations. We encourage you to develop the same practice, and regularly draw away to have conversations with your Heavenly Father.



Introduction

Why am I here? What is my purpose? These are questions that men and women struggle with, most of their lives. I heard a man speak once who said there are four stages in a man's life. When he first graduates from school, he is in *survival*. As he becomes proficient in his field of interest, he enjoys *success*. As he gets older, he needs *significance*. Yet, after men have achieved all three of these, they realize the true key to life is *servanthood*. The Lord wants us to skip this process and begin to practice servanthood right away.

Not all people make it through all four phases, and some get stalled at different points; but God wants us to press on to achieve the goal that is set before us. It is clearly a progression. The apostle Paul likens life to a race. He said, "*Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.*"³ He stressed that God has a goal for us to achieve, and that we are to "*press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*"⁴

The question is, "What is that goal?" Some might think it has to do with doing the right things to earn their salvation to get into heaven, but performance is not the ticket to heaven. Salvation does not have anything to do with performance. Salvation has been bought and paid for through Jesus Christ. It is freely given to us through the Love of the Father. I suggest that the goal is best captured by the words of Jesus. He said, "*You are the light of the world.*"⁵ We are to be a light in a dark world. Jesus tells us how to do that. He taught us many practical methods and ways that illustrated what being the light of the world looks like and how to achieve that goal.

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Recently a young family man spoke to me and said he was confused. He said, “I believe in God but I am not sure what to teach my children about God.”

This appears to have become a common problem. With all the voices calling out to men and women from the media, it is very difficult to know what to believe, how to live, and what to teach your children. God wants us to know what to teach our children, and how we are to live and to interact with His world. He has designed us all with a unique role and purpose in the world. It is His heart that we discover our role and purpose, and fulfill our destiny.

Jesus gave us the key to this journey in the final words He spoke before He ascended to His Father. His last words were actually a statement of His heart for His church. It is called the Great Commission.

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”⁶

Jesus outlines several things in this verse that He wants us to do.

First He wants us to go and make disciples. A disciple is a learner (a true Christ-follower). The Lord wants us to help others to progressively learn the Word of God to become a mature disciple (literally, “a learner”). It involves training them in the truths of Scripture and the lifestyle required, and sharing your life with them. It requires a personal investment of time and energy.

Second He wants us to baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Baptism is a conscious decision to identify yourself publicly with the sacrifice of Jesus Christ by being baptized in water. It is far more than a simple ceremony; it’s a spiritual transaction. When someone is baptized in water, they identify themselves with the death of Christ and their old man (their old life problems, issues and demonic pressures) is buried in the tank. The process of baptism provides a spiritual structure of rights that enables a believer to live the Christian life and forbids the demonic from having rights on them due to previous mistakes and sins.

Thirdly He wants us to teach them to obey everything He commanded. Some believe that Christianity is a set of rules and the word “commanded”⁷ here tends to support that idea. The Greek word used

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here for “commanded” is focused on the end objective or outcome. One translator said the word “commanded” comes from the verb “to accomplish” and it is much more about what Jesus wants us to accomplish.

Jesus wants us to become the light of the world and to accomplish that every day.

The transformation of the human heart is the goal of Jesus. He wants us to transform our hearts to be like Him, and not to just blindly obey a set of laws or formula. It is best to consider them as outcomes He would like us to accomplish.

It’s our heart that this book will help you understand what those outcomes look like in situations you face every day, and to consider how the world would be different if we accomplished these goals. How would our lives be different if our hearts were focused on accomplishing these outcomes?

Many years ago a man named Sidney Sheldon wrote a book called *In His Steps*. In the book, a few members of a church challenge themselves to ask, “What would Jesus do?” before engaging in all of their everyday situations and encounters. It changed their lives and the lives of their town. I challenge you to consider a similar question by asking yourself to consider what Jesus would want you to accomplish when you face a situation in your life and what would it look like if you were the light of the world in that situation.

We have structured this book into categories of life situations and together we will examine what Jesus wants us to accomplish in each category and what it would look like if we did it. We pray this book will be helpful for you to understand what Jesus would like you to accomplish in your lives, so that your joy may be complete; so that you would know what to teach your children, so that you can make disciples; so that you can bring change to your world.

Yours,

WILLIAM AND SUSAN DUPLEY



CHAPTER ONE

Be the Light of the World

Jesus told us a very profound statement in a special message called the “Sermon on the Mount.” He said,

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”⁸

Although most know that Jesus is the Light of the world, He says in this message that we are the light of the world. So let’s examine what this means.

One definition of the light of the world is to show hope in darkness, hope in despair, and wisdom in ignorance. Lack rules the world right now—lack of light, lack of hope, and lack of wisdom. As a believer we are to look for light, hope, and wisdom. As we do, the Lord will give it and we will be the light for the world.

When a believer looks for light it will be given to them. Light is a metaphor for insight, clarity, directive, purpose, wisdom, and thought leadership. It is given to lead yourself, and others in the way to go; for example, a practical demonstration of insight occurs when you uncover the root cause of problems both physical and spiritual. When you solve a problem at work, you should call on the Lord, ask for light (wisdom), to solve it and He will give it to you. However He doesn’t just give it just for you. He gives it to you for all those around you, your customers, your coworkers, your company and your community. Wisdom is to be shared, to give direction to a company, its people, its products, and its customers.

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Example: Joseph and Pharaoh's Dream

Joseph in the Bible had 12 brothers. He had issues with his brothers who sold Joseph into slavery into Egypt. In Egypt he went through several situations where he was unjustly treated. In one case he was able to interpret the dream for an individual and as a result was recommended to Pharaoh when the Pharaoh had a need for dream interpretation.

“When two full years had passed, Pharaoh had a dream: He was standing by the Nile, when out of the river there came up seven cows, sleek and fat, and they grazed among the reeds. After them, seven other cows, ugly and gaunt, came up out of the Nile and stood beside those on the riverbank. And the cows that were ugly and gaunt ate up the seven sleek, fat cows.”⁹

Causes of Famine

It is rather alarming that the vast majority of famines throughout history have been caused by environmental factors we had (or believed we had) no control over.

The dream that Joseph interprets, only contains the warning of the seven lean years but the dream also gives the key to resolving the problem. You will notice that the seven fat cows and the seven lean cows all come out of the Nile. This is a critical fact and the solution to the problem is to capture the Nile and create a system of irrigation which is able to have a reservoir of water so that they are able to continue to produce crops and have water even during the seven years of famine.

“When American engineer Francis Whitehouse was asked to come up with a scheme to irrigate large portions of 19th-century Egypt, his British employers little realized the astounding conclusion with which he would present them! After surveying the Fayum province of Egypt, he discovered the remains of a huge flood control and irrigation project from the ancient past.

“He concluded that the most practical method of irrigating the arid Egyptian desert was to reconstruct the system of irrigation that had been so skillfully put in place 3,500 years previously!

“This canal, which incredibly still waters a third of Egypt, appears on modern maps of Egypt under its Arabic name, Bahr Yousef, or The Sea of Joseph.

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“Whitehouse reported back to his astonished employers that he had confirmed the existence of a vast lake artificially created by the Hebrew patriarch, Joseph, in the time of the Pharaoh Moeris, and that ‘the most practical method of irrigating the arid Egyptian desert was to reconstruct the system of irrigation which Joseph had instituted 3,500 years ago’”¹⁰

This is a brilliant insight of light. Not only did Joseph provide for Egypt but for all the surrounding areas and for his immediate family. His own family came to Egypt to buy grain because the famine was so widespread. So God provided for the entire country and his immediate family.

I love that God used this whole situation to bring love and light into Joseph’s dark past that had been filled with hatred, betrayal, jealousy, and brokenness. Love, forgiveness, and reconciliation with his family were the fruit of the far-reaching light of Joseph’s dream interpretation. Joseph’s choice to walk and to act in higher ways despite cruel and unfair situations brought healing to his family and hope to nations.

Now there’s another thing about this that’s amazing! At the time of Pharaoh Moeris, there were many kingdoms in Egypt. Yet because of Joseph’s interpretation and wise counsel, he made his Pharaoh extremely wealthy. People would come to buy the grain. When they had no money, they would sell their animals, and when they had no more animals, they would sell themselves. As a result, within seven years, the entire wealth of the region transferred to this Pharaoh and he became the Pharaoh of Egypt. So why is this relevant?

Today we need leadership in our country and in our businesses that they may attract and create wealth for our country and to our businesses, to keep our country prosperous and our people employed. It is critical to see the call to government and to business as a primary calling where we can be light in these spheres of influence. There has never been a time where there has been a greater need for economic insight and creativity in wealth creation than right now.

Kitimat

We also need Spiritual Insight for our country’s economic issues. Pastor Art Lucier of Kitimat, BC was concerned about his town’s economy. Two out of the three companies that provided the wealth for his town had closed, and their youth had started to leave town for work

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opportunities. The Lord directed his church's intercessory group to pray for the economy of their town.

An intercessor for Pastor Art discovered that a hundred years ago, their town had lost the right to be a federal port due to the greed of some of their founding fathers. Kitimat is ice free and an ideal deep sea port. Back in the day, these landowners bought up all the land where the railway was to be located, and then planned to charge the railway exorbitant prices for the land needed. As a result the Canadian railway decided to go to Prince Rupert instead, and Kitimat lost not only the railway, but the status of a federal port as well.

When Art was told of this, he and the intercessory team repented of the greed of their founding fathers. One week later, Joe Oliver, the Minister of Natural Resources of Canada, announced that Kitimat would become a federal port. In addition, the town's Aluminum plant decided to invest 5 billion dollars to rebuild their smelting operation. Shell also announced that they planned to build a 40 Billion dollar Liquid Natural Gas facility.

Art and his team received light from God and changed their city like Joseph did. They brought restoration to Kitimat. Nations are in debt, companies are in debt, people are in debt, and the world needs us to be light using the kingdom keys God reveals to unlock our countries problems.

Business

I was once asked by a company to write a white paper called "Why do good companies fail?" It was a detailed research study on characteristics of companies that failed. After I had completed the research, I understood how to recognize failure, but I did not understand why leadership would allow it to happen. I asked the Lord directly this question. I felt He told me the following:

Son,

Men who are slothful, greedy, and selfish are not good stewards; in fact these behaviours are the opposite of stewardship. Stewardship requires a person to invest their heart, not just their time. A successful entrepreneur puts their whole heart into their endeavor. It consumes them, they constantly think of ways to improve their products, methods, and market penetration. They invest everything to make the venture succeed.

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As a company succeeds, it takes less heart and commitment to continue to run a company and leaders do not commit their hearts to the firm and this is where the problem begins. The lack of passionate commitment leads to indifference or to a poorly-thought-through approach to the work of management. Indifference becomes a cancer that eats through a company and affects most people. This leads to the downfall of the firm.

Leadership must serve with their whole hearts. They cannot be guns for hire. At HP, look at Bill Hewlett and Dave Packard as examples of this kind of stewardship. These leaders were committed to the firm. They poured their hearts into the firm and all drew strength from their examples.

Leadership is the key in all initiatives. Leaders serve. They serve by investing their whole heart, not just their time.

Son, this can be addressed by:

- 1. Deciding, "Am I prepared to give my whole heart or just my time?" Every board member, and every leader needs to make this decision.*
- 2. They need to ask themselves, "What would I do differently in this firm if this was the most important thing in my life?"*
- 3. Priority is the next key to success. Leadership must decide to implement true solutions, not Band-Aid solutions to these issues. Real solutions take heart to develop; they require people to go the extra mile.*
- 4. Leaders must be honest with themselves and ask, "Am I prepared to do this? If not, they should step down and let someone else do it who does have the heart. It would be the best thing they can do for themselves and for their company. They should do something they can put their whole heart into."*

*Love,
Dad*

I used this insight to provide counsel to my customer and to write a blog that was published. A president of an investment firm contacted me and said that after reading the blog¹¹ he had to really examine his own heart and decided to retire because his heart was no longer in it. As a result he is now the President of an organization which is helping others. He is much happier and is changing the world. This is all from asking the one simple question of "Why do good companies fail?"

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I work in the computer industry, so I receive wisdom in that business area because I'm called to be light in the world of my company and customers. Light shows clearly where a company should go, and where a product needs to be developed to be ahead of a competitor. This has happened in my life where I have foreseen a service that is required and then became an instigator to cause that service to come into being. Light shines revelation on what can be and shows the steps to bring it into being.

Relationships

In a person's life when you ask for wisdom in relationships you are receiving light. Relationships can be difficult because of different personalities; but, when you call on the Lord for wisdom, or insight into a situation with your wife, or children, He will give it. When you call for wisdom regarding an issue with the neighbour or another family member, He will give it. When you do what He tells you, you are bringing His light. Your actions become a demonstration to others of how to live, how to act and how to be at peace with others. When you do not retaliate, when you turn the other cheek, when you bless and do not curse, you are moving in the opposite direction to the world and you are light.

When you consider others first in the coffee shop or in a lineup, or on a road where you let someone in, you are moving in the opposite action of the world and you are the light of the world. You are demonstrating His words in action.

Light is the opposite of darkness. The world is very dark. The sexual sins of the world are very pervasive. The internet is a playground of pornography for all manner of deviant behaviour. It permeates society at all levels. No longer do men and women need to go to seedy parts of town or crude stores to fulfill their fantasies. It is now delivered to their home via the net.

By not participating in it, by not promoting it, and by not involving yourself in it, you are light. You show others you do not have to participate in this, you can be free from this addiction. Pornography is a type of addiction. It is drawing comfort from something other than wholesome Godly activities. It is a type of demonic persuasion that destroys marriages, and relationships. Jesus tells us it is a sin to even look at a woman with lust in your heart. For if you lust you've already committed adultery¹² and you defile the marriage bed.¹³

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By speaking out and saying we don't do this, we are introducing thought contrary to the world's way and we will bring change. By saying I don't do this, and I don't want to, we are light. Men and women will see there is another way. Most know no other way to live (because of the media), and as such, become more and more deviant in their sexual behaviour as their dependency on sexual deviant drama increases. By saying you don't have to do this, and demonstrating it in your own life, you are light.

Being Visible

I have a friend called Jerry that found that sometimes the Lord provides us opportunities to be light in unusual, and unexpected ways. Jerry was a member of the church, and the leader of their men's group, but when he was young he was a drummer in a rock 'n roll band. His band contacted him and said they were planning to do a reunion concert and could he join them. Although Jerry had not played drums for years he agreed, and began to practice. He soon realized that he needed to play in a live situation to really get his skills back to where they were.



Jerry worked in the radio business and contacted a local promoter and asked if he could arrange for him to sit in and play with a few local bands to develop his skills. His friend arranged him to play at a local blues bar with a few local bands. Initially Jerry was really rusty, but the promoter was patient with him, and coached him. I saw him playing at a Blues bar in Florida. He was playing the blues with a local band, and although he did not get pay to play, he found the experience was very helpful.

He had challenged his men's group that they needed to get out of their comfort zone and go to places they would not normally go, if they were to be an impact for the kingdom. He found that the Lord took him up on that challenge, and he was now playing blues in bars in the area.

He found that over time his relationship began to grow with the promoter and others he made contact with. They began to like him, he was funny and they enjoyed being with him. One day his promoter

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friend said to him, “Jerry, do you believe in God?” Jerry was able to provide many examples of how God had showed himself to him, and helped him over the years. Jerry was the light of the world in that bar. Jerry also found out that when musicians were dying, they often called on people like Jerry because they were the only believers they knew. They had seen the love of God in their lives and when it was all said and done it was the Christian they wanted to be near. Being light in a relationship takes time, but it produces a great harvest.

Jari

Jari is another example of a believer who lets his light shine in unusual places. Jari is a member of Youth with a Mission. He sets up a booth at New Age fairs and offers supernatural services like spiritual readings, dream interpretation, prayer in spiritual languages, and impartation of healing. Unlike the mediums and psychics at the fair, he gives away all of his services for free and of course he is doing it all in the name of Jesus.

The service he provides are simply the gifts of the Holy Spirit, he just doesn't use Christian words. For example when he gives a spiritual reading, he is giving a prophetic word; when he prays a spiritual language, he is speaking in tongues; when he does dream interpretation, he asks the Lord for the interpretation; and when he does impartation healing, he prays in the name of Jesus.

He is very careful to use the language of the fair and not Christian words. As a result his booth has an amazing reputation for providing the best supernatural services at the fairs. Mediums come to his booth for advice and he provides prophetic words to these people and as result they become very interested in the Jesus that he serves. One of my friends works in this same type of ministry, and does dream interpretation. He told me that after he gives a dream interpretation he introduces them to Jesus who gives the interpretation and the majority give their lives to Christ on the spot.

The Honest Deal

The honest deal is another way you show light. If you steal from someone, you know that it is wrong. Unfortunately many steal (not by physical

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stealing) but by not being honest. If you are not forthright and do not fully disclose an issue or problem with the buyer, you are robbing the buyer.

Now in any house there are always things that go wrong but if you commit yourself not to hide anything, to repair as best you can, to have full disclosure, then you are light. There are many people who sell homes without disclosing the problems or attempting to repair them. This does not line up with God's way. Light is demonstrated in honest financial transactions when you sell anything. Finances is one of the key areas where light can be demonstrated. When you give back the extra money that a cashier gives you by accident, you are light. When you go back to a store and pay the difference in a product because they charged you the wrong price, your action is often the only light in the cashier's day.

Generosity

When you give to others, to family, to the poor, and to society, you are light. You show others it is better to give than to receive. Now we are not to give so that we are seen by other men. The Lord is very clear that those who give to be seen of men, have received their reward. However if you are generous to others, people notice and people want to be like that. Giving is a key way light is shown in this society. The poor often give even though they are poor and often the wealthy do not. They hold onto their money where rust and moth will destroy, believing that they can somehow take it with them, but they cannot. Jesus tells us, "Do not store up your riches on earth where rust and moth can destroy, but store up riches in heaven."¹⁴ This is done by giving to others.

I know a woman who has a real knack for this. I have learned generosity from her. She is continually making things like dollies or blankets which she willingly gives away to others. The material costs are small but the time costs are high. When she gives of her time, she is light. She has eyes for the needy. Her gifts speak great volumes to others not just physically, but value is imparted to them by her generosity. She communicates that someone cares, someone noticed and, it breaks despair. When we give to others, it also inspires others to be generous.

Light is shone in every act of kindness you do for another. A kind word spoken, time given to the poor or to an old person is the greatest gift you can give. It is light, which gives hope, and it communicates value and worth. To the beggar on the street who feels so downcast, it

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communicates value. I remember Peter of Peter Paul and Mary singing a song about the poor. I was always impacted by one line. It said:

*I'm the cripple on the corner, You pass me on the street
I wouldn't be out here beggin', If I had enough to eat
And don't think that I don't notice, That our eyes never meet.*¹⁵

This is such a profound statement. Although many give to the poor on the street, very few give them eye contact. It is eye contact that communicates value. The poor do not want pity, they want to be validated, they want hope, and they want life. When we simply look into the eyes of a beggar on the street and bless them and for a moment let your eyes contact their eyes, you shine light, you communicate value and acceptance of them as a human being.



Giving time is the greatest gift you can give. You are truly giving of yourself when you teach another how to repair a car, or clothing, when you show someone how to use their computer or move their house, or help them plant gardens, or help them build anything. When you share from your life, this is being light.

The righteous in spirit are those who are generous with their knowledge and their heart. Don't hold onto your knowledge, your wisdom and your skills. Give them away. In this way you are demonstrating light.

Showing Kindness

Kindness is the first differentiator. When we are looking out for our own interests, we are not kind, but are self-centred. By simply being kind, attending to a person's physical needs, like bringing them a drink or a coffee, we are being kind. By not being demanding, but being sensitive to others' issues, problems, and frustrations, by being patient and waiting for a person to finish what they are doing, and by not demanding attention, we are being kind. Not being a bully or raging until we get attention is one of the best ways to show kindness.

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Consider the person on a helpline, or a cashier who is bullied by a customer all day. Inside they want to scream and lash out at the bully but can't, because they will lose their jobs. They just have to take it. Being kind to them will speak life, and hope into their lives. Consider the gas station attendant who is harassed by a lineup of customers. He needs a kind word, and a word of thanks.

A friend of mine often speaks to bathroom attendants and thanks them for doing such a good job in cleaning up the bathrooms. He told me an incident at the exhibition in Toronto where there was a young heavyset man, who was cleaning the bathroom in the food building at the Canadian National Exhibition. It really was a disgusting job and my friend could see by this young man's face that he was very downtrodden. He simply said, "You are doing a great job, thank you very much for cleaning this bathroom." The young man's face lit up and shone. He asked him if he was going to school. The young man said, yes, that he was in university. My friend blessed his school year and future and that young man felt much better because someone had noticed, someone had cared, someone had been kind and had valued him.

The simplest word of kindness speaks great life to others. God wants His children to focus on the world not the church. We reach the world by our actions not just words. A simple word of encouragement can change a life.

Pray for the Sick

Jesus continually demonstrated that He is the Light of the world by the many ways He healed people. He healed the blind, the lame, and the leper, cast out demons and restored the downcast.

Jesus healed all manner of illness, but not all His healings were physical; for example, when He set free the demonic of the Gadarenes, He restored a man's mind that had been tormented by demonic spirits. When He spoke to the woman at the well, He restored a woman who had been rejected by her neighbours, and He restored her value.

There are many types of healings; some are dramatic like when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, or made the deaf hear. Some take some time, like the man Jesus prayed for who was blind; after prayer he told Jesus that he saw men as trees walking. This means that even though Jesus had prayed for him, he still did not see clearly, so Jesus

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prayed again and then he could see clearly. A simple word given with God's insight, can bring peace and restore a broken heart. Jesus forgave the woman caught in adultery by simply saying, "I do not condemn you, go and sin no more." He released her from her shame.

I have prayed for thousands in the lines at the Catch the Fire Church in Toronto during the revival. I have often received a word from the Lord that encourages me to just say to the person, "You are forgiven." This is healing the sick as much as restoring a broken body.

Example: Man with the Shattered Knee

Praying for the sick is not always convenient. One time Sue was preaching and there was a man in the front row who was wearing a brace on his leg. He had crushed his knee in an industrial accident and was unable to walk without a cane. He had limited motion in his leg and could not fully bend or straighten it. The Lord spoke to Sue and said, "Pray for him." Initially Sue said, "Sure, Lord, after I finish teaching this." She then heard God tell her to "Go and pray for him" (right away) and she stopped teaching, went to the man, prayed for his leg, and then went back to her teaching. A little later in the service she noticed that he was crying. She asked him if she had hurt him. He said, "No, I can't see the scars from my knee surgery." He was completely healed. He took off his brace and did not need his cane. He went back to Edmonton and played baseball with his kids for the first time in his life.

Example: "Ann"

Another time Sue was working in an extended care facility. She was teaching Personal Support workers, and there was a client with dementia we will call "Ann." She had been separated from the other residents because she yelled all the time.

Sue was about to show her students how to approach "Ann" when the Lord said, "Sing Jesus Loves Me, to her." Susan's students were not necessarily Christians; some were Muslim and Hindu, yet she said to herself, "I either hear from God or I don't." She chose to follow the Lord's leading and began to sing "Jesus Loves Me" to "Ann." To her amazement, "Ann" stopped yelling, sweetly folded her hands, and began to sing with Sue. Sue reached down and pulled "Ann" out of her

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wheelchair and they all walked down the hall supporting “Ann” singing “Jesus Loves Me.” “Ann” had sat in her wheelchair and had not spoken for years. Later that day, Sue could not find her students. She found them in the bathroom singing “Jesus Loves Me” as they were showering “Ann.” This usually fearful and combative lady was peaceful and calm as the students worked with her. A first!!

The next day the head of nursing came by and Sue said to her, “Do you want to see something amazing?” “Ann” was yelling down the hall again. Sue approached her and began to sing “Jesus Loves Me” to her. Immediately “Ann” folded her hands and sang along with Sue. The head of nursing began to cry and exclaimed, “That is amazing.” When asked, the family provided a CD player with Hymns. “Ann” knew them all. Even though she was nonverbal, she could sing. The staff began to play the music 24/7. “Ann” became peaceful and calm, and was successfully reintegrated into the client community. At night other Dementia clients would come and stand in the doorway of her room and listen, and sense God’s Presence as it filled her room. Years later, a young nurse who had been one of Sue’s students, phoned Sue and told her that she was reading scripture to “Ann” late at night after her work was done. She very excitedly reported that “Ann” had spoken for the first time in years. She said, “Thank you for being so kind. I want to go home now.” An area of “Ann’s” mind had been restored.

Personal Journaling Exercise

1. Think of 3 situations or relationships in your life where you could demonstrate more kindness. Bring these situations to your Father in heaven in prayer, asking for forgiveness and grace as necessary.
2. Thank Him that you are the Light of the World: listen and write down anything He puts on your heart about light.

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Pastoral Leader, Catch the Fire, Toronto
Itinerant Speaker, Founder, Releasers of Life Ministries

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