

Lesson Eight - Curb Appeal



- The Wreck
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FIRST IMPRESSIONS

MATTER

A home's curb appeal is crucially important for the sale of a property.





Before



After

BEFORE



AFTER



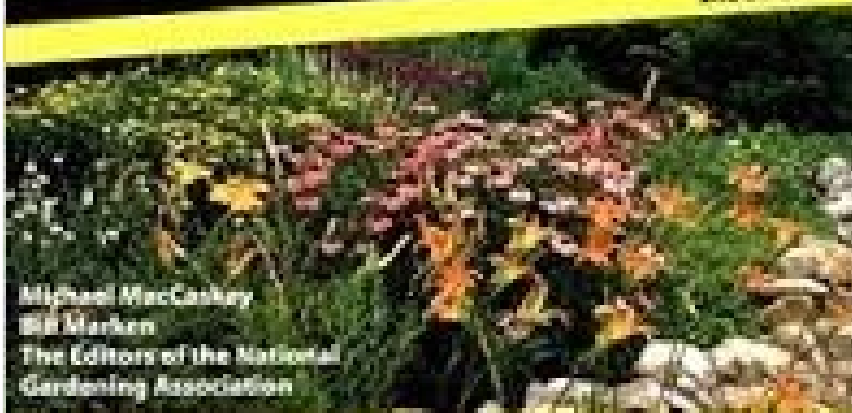




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Curb Appeal FOR **DUMMIES**

2nd Edition



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A Reference for the Rest of Us!



















Homes of Saratoga Springs, NY







The objective of curb appeal is to make the outside of the home appealing enough for a buyer to want to see what's inside.

THE SAME IS TRUE FOR
US, AS FOLLOWERS OF
CHRIST.

Is what we are portraying
on the outside appealing
enough for an unbeliever to
want to know what's on the
inside?

Our lives should be drawing
people toward Christ, not
pushing them away.

FOLLOWING JESUS



**ESSENTIAL TIPS:
CURB APPEAL**

A whole world of people
will decide who Jesus is—

by who we are.

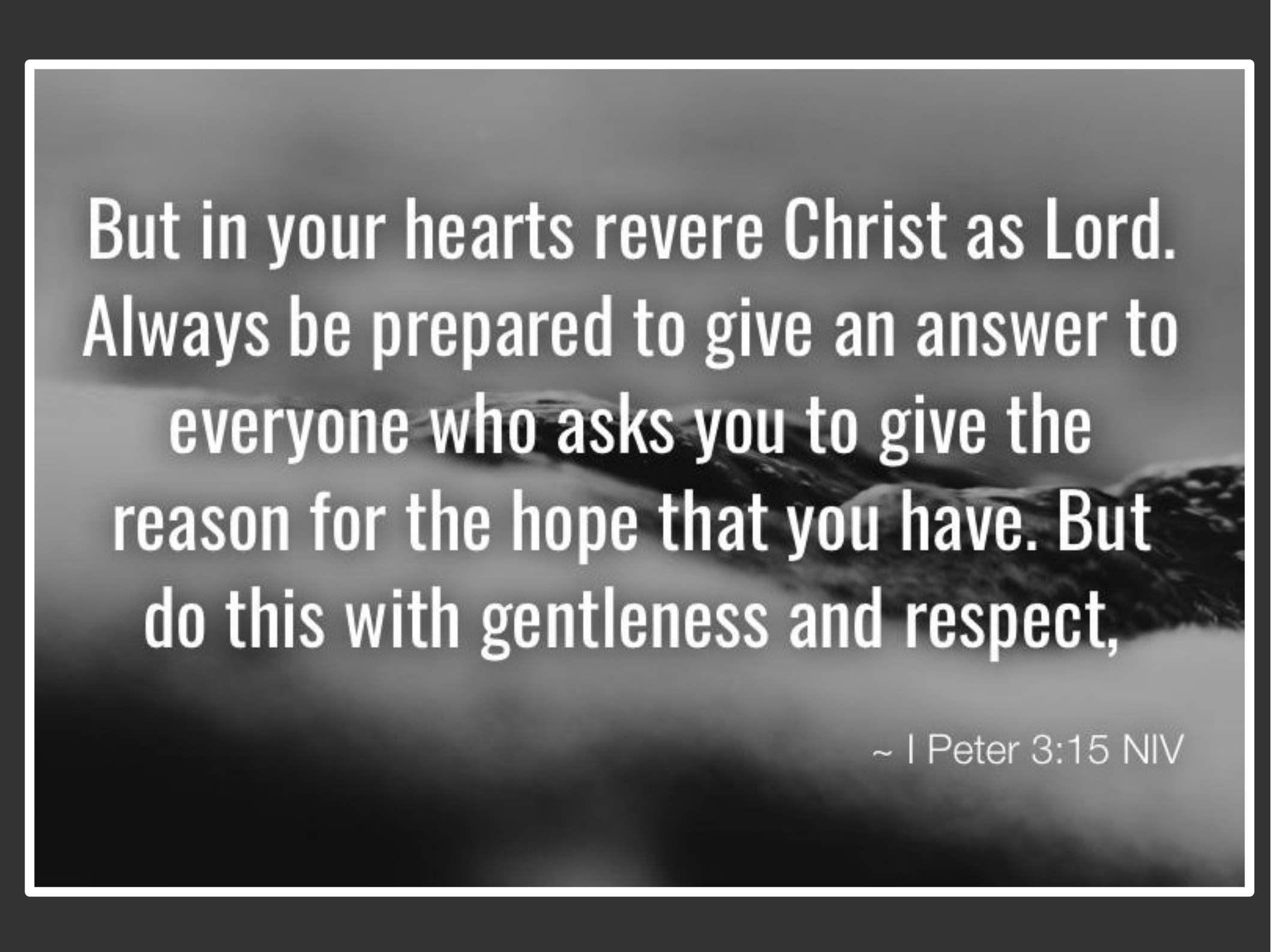
- How do you think your friends and family who are not believers see you?
- Do you feel that negativity toward the Christian faith is increasing?

The Sinful Mind Is
Hostile To God. It Does
Not Submit To God's
Law, Nor Can It Do So.

Romans 8-7

If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.

In an environment hostile to Christians, how can we help change the unbelievers perception of Christians?



But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord.
Always be prepared to give an answer to
everyone who asks you to give the
reason for the hope that you have. But
do this with gentleness and respect,

~ 1 Peter 3:15 NIV

Everything you post on
social media impacts
your **personal brand**.
How do you want to be
known?



CHRIST

Like





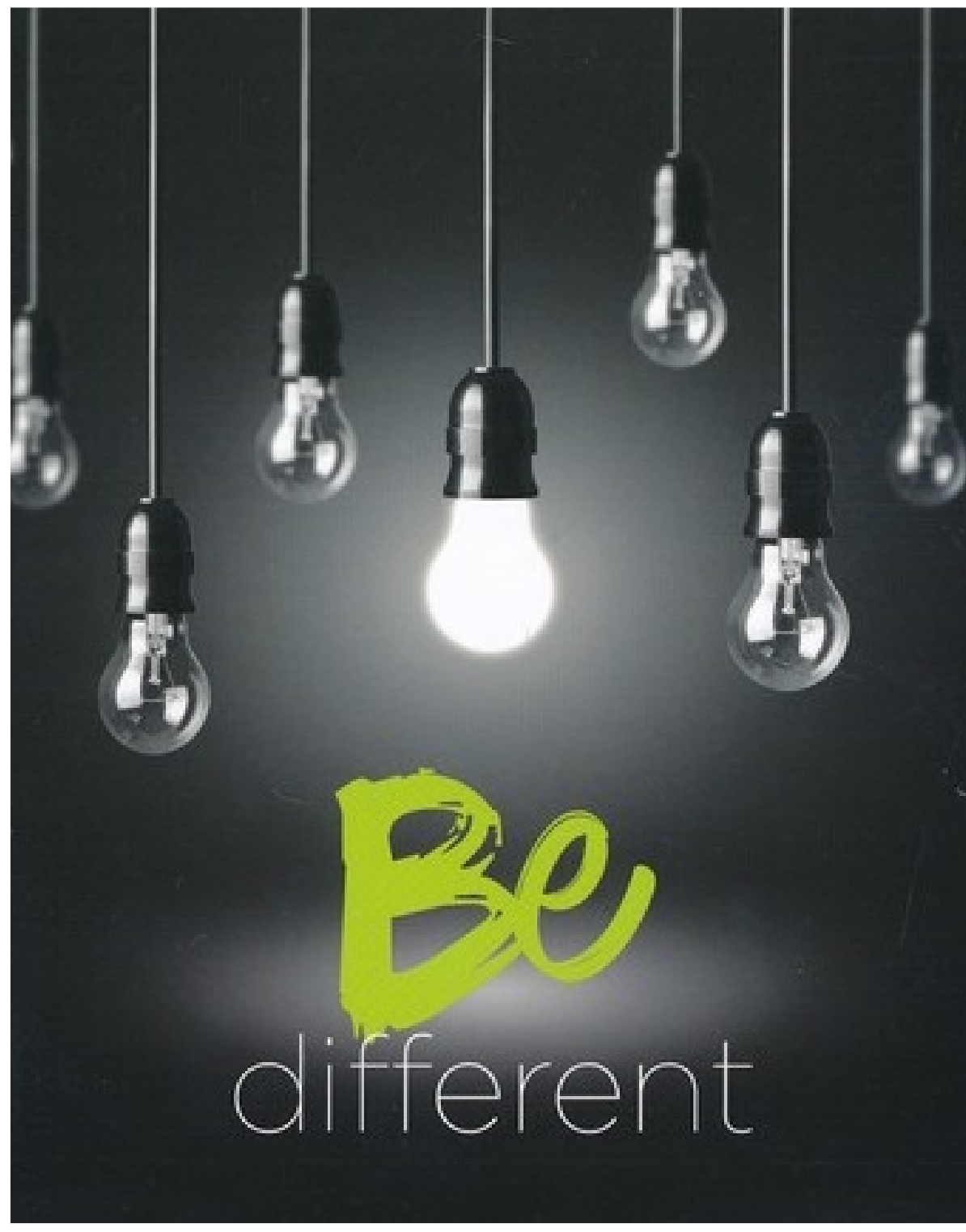
Photo: Elisabeth and daughter, Valerie, on mission field

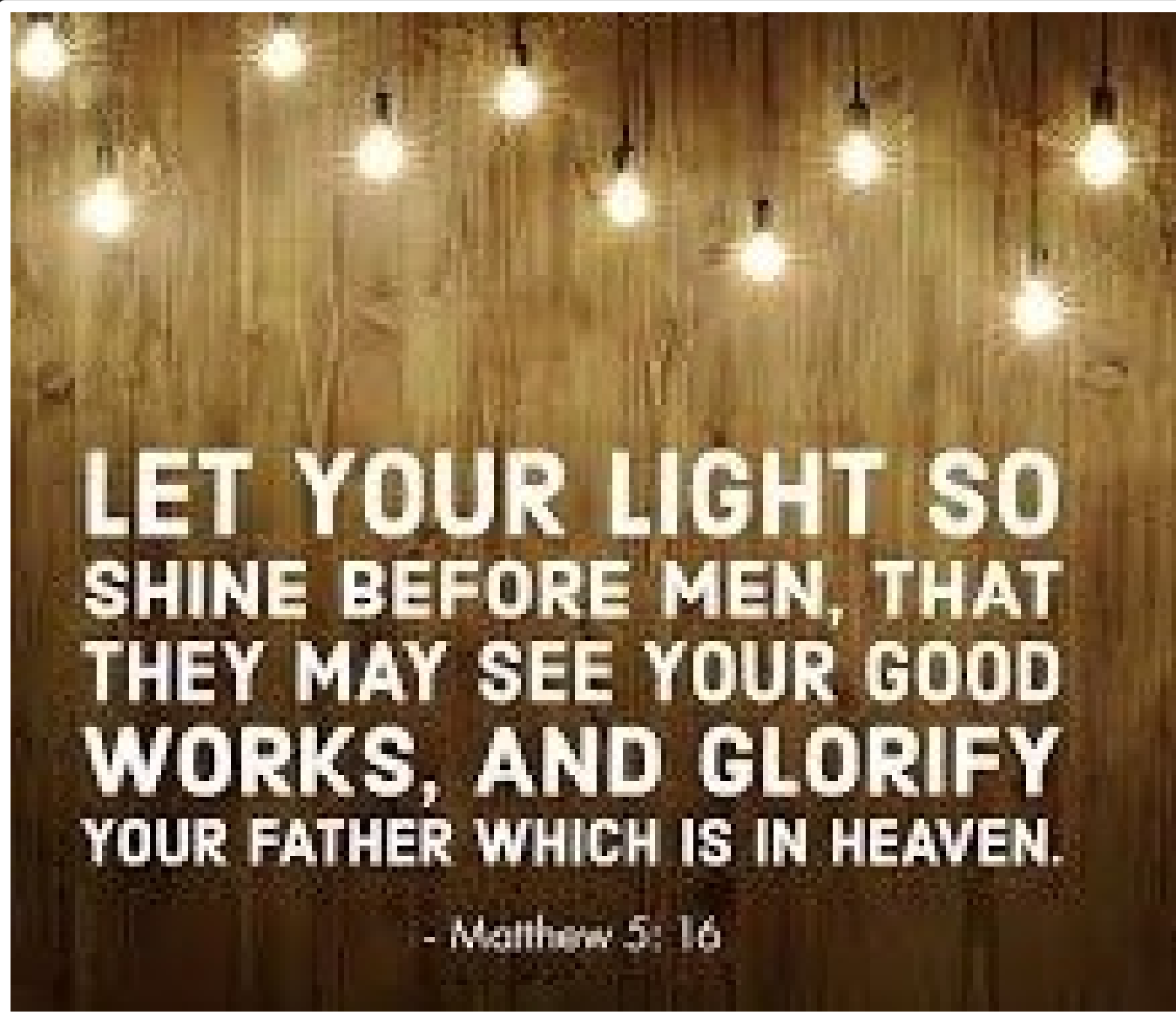
“THE FACT THAT I AM A WOMAN DOES NOT MAKE ME A DIFFERENT KIND OF CHRISTIAN, BUT THE FACT THAT I AM A CHRISTIAN MAKES ME A DIFFERENT KIND OF WOMAN.”

— ELISABETH ELLIOT

If your goal is purity of
heart, be prepared to be
thought very odd.

Elisabeth Elliot





**LET YOUR LIGHT SO
SHINE BEFORE MEN, THAT
THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD
WORKS, AND GLORIFY
YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN.**

- Matthew 5: 16

2 Peter 1: 5-9 says, “For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

“For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.”

(2 Peter 1: 5-9)

Does Your Life Portray These Qualities To Others?

- Faith (complete trust and confidence in God)
- Virtue (behavior showing high moral standards)
- Knowledge (of God's Word)
- Self-control (the ability to control oneself, in particular one's emotions and desires or the expression of them in one's behavior, especially in difficult situations.)


Does Your Life Portray These Qualities To Others?

- Steadfastness (being dutifully firm and unwavering)
- Godliness (conforming to the laws and wishes of God)
- Brotherly affection (the natural affection associated with near kin)
- Love (selfless and unconditional)

Love, the Essential Ingredient

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

They will
KNOW
WE ARE
Christians
BY OUR
LOVE


LOVE IN ACTION – A CHECKLIST

Is This How You Look To Others?

(Romans 12: 9- 21)

- ♦ Love must be sincere.
- ♦ Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.
- ♦ Be devoted to one another in love.
- ♦ Honor one another above yourselves.

- ◆ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.
- ◆ Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.
- ◆ Share with the Lord's people who are in need.
- ◆ Practice hospitality.

- ♦ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.
- ♦ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.
- ♦ Live in harmony with one another.
- ♦ Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position.
- ♦ Do not be conceited.

- ♦ Do not repay anyone evil for evil.
- ♦ Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone.
- ♦ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.
- ♦ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

On the contrary:

“If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him something
to drink.

In doing this, you will heap
burning coals on his head.”

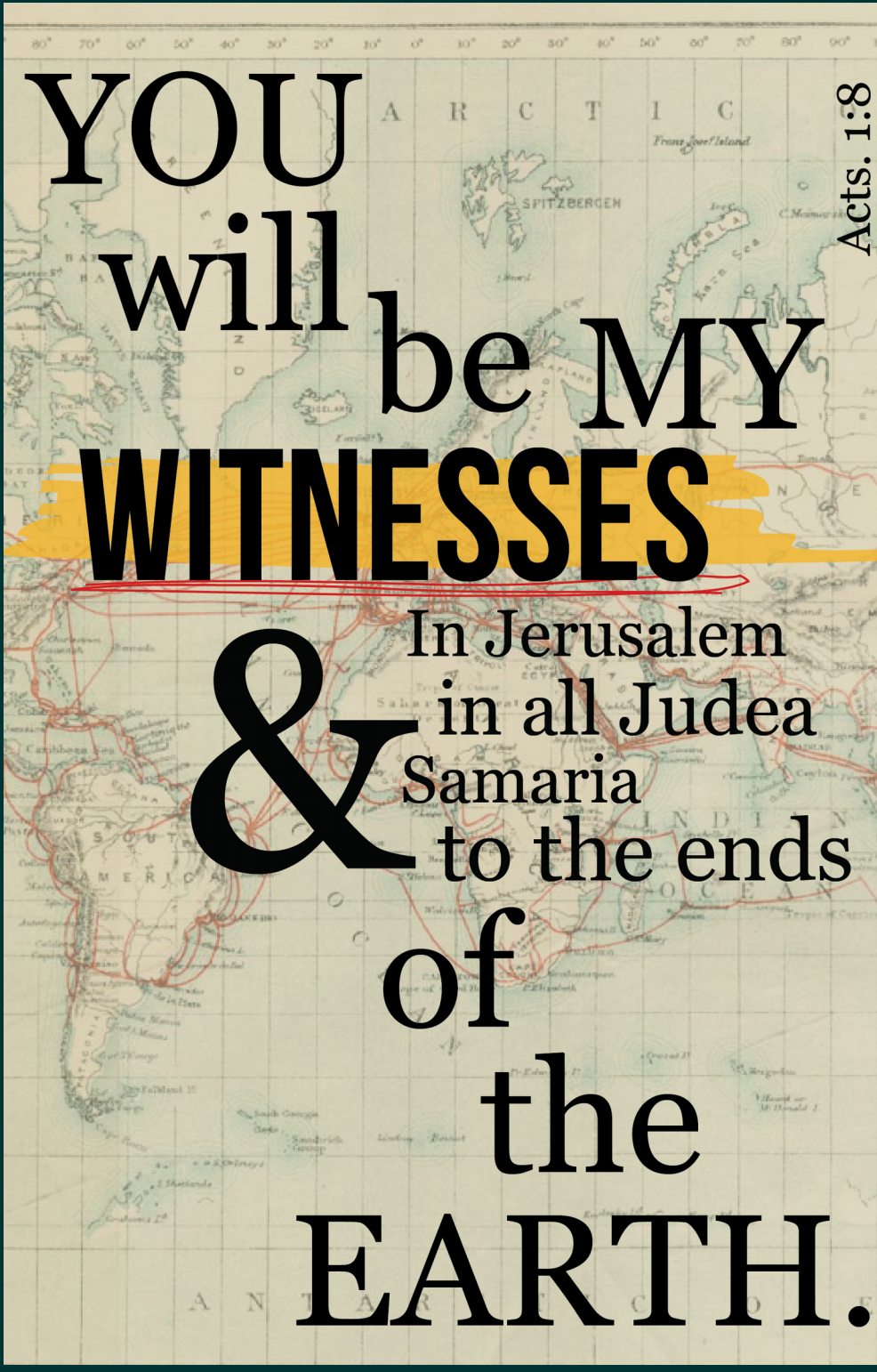
Do not be overcome by evil, but
overcome evil with good.

Love One Another

By this all men will know that you are My disciples
if you have love for one another.

John 13:35

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YOU
will be MY
WITNESSES

Acts. 1:8

In Jerusalem
& in all Judea
Samaria
to the ends
of
the
EARTH.

Always
Pay
Attention
To Your
Curb
Appeal



“WE ARE THE BIBLES
THE WORLD IS READING;
WE ARE THE CREEDS
THE WORLD IS NEEDING;
WE ARE THE SERMONS
THE WORLD IS HEEDING.”

BILLY GRAHAM





Tim Shields