

The Walk of Worldliness

THE WALK OF GOD'S WORKMANSHIP





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We pursue many things, but none as worthwhile as the will of God.



We must replace distractions with eternal aspirations.

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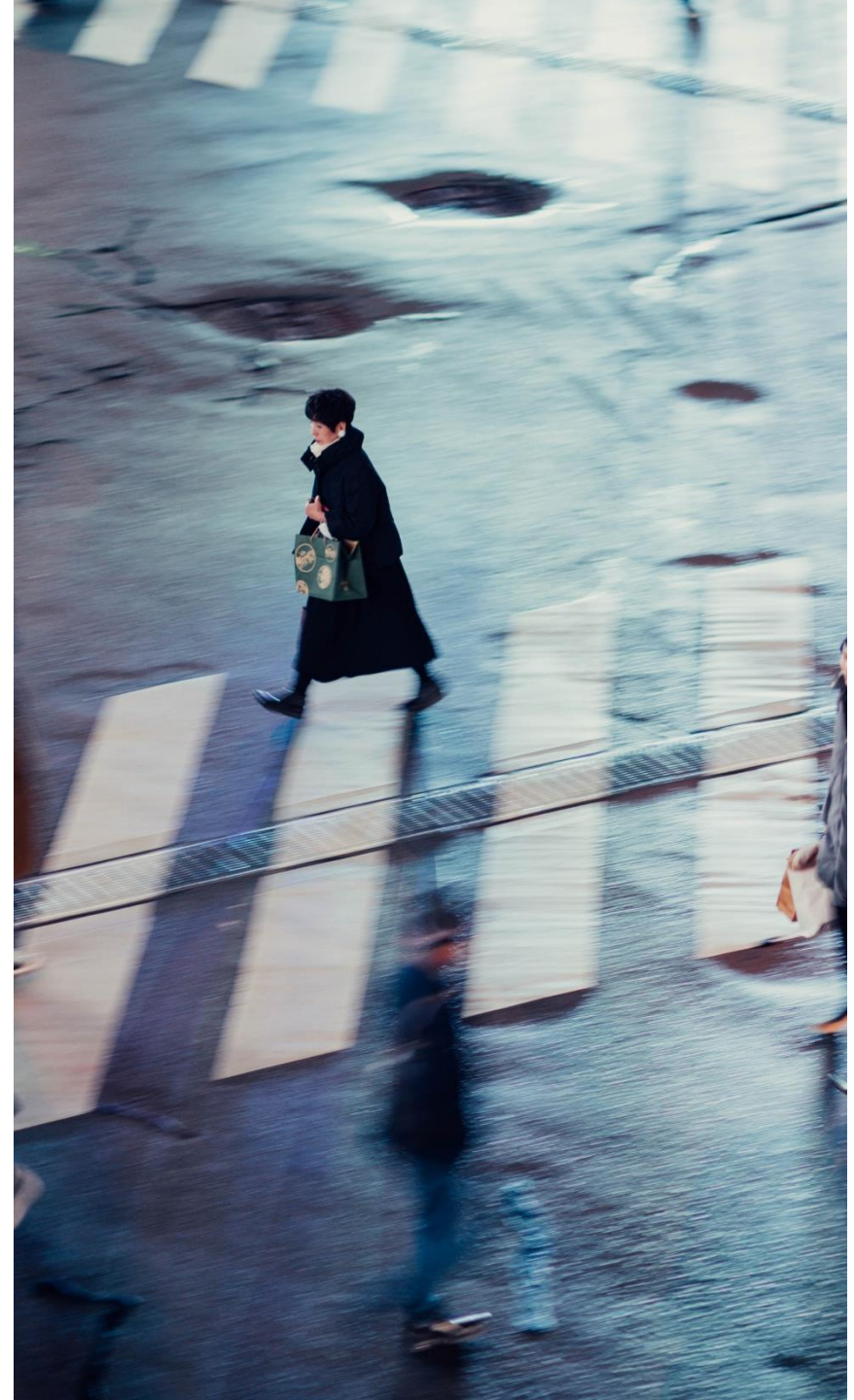
We've been called to advance the influence of righteousness in the world (1 Peter 2:9; Titus 3:3).

..In which you once walked according to the course of this world..

When the Bible says, "He made us alive...," this means God has given us another opportunity to get our life in order.



EPHESIANS 2:1-2





The Course of The World

The term “course” has reference to time, duration, or existence. When applied to “the world,” it figuratively conveys how the world spends their time, their routines and lifestyle.

James 3:15

Identifies the motives of worldliness: earthly, sensual, and demonic.

Ephesians 6:12

An attitude influenced by spiritual wickedness in heavenly places.

Romans 7:21-25

Motivations can be re-established to prevent us from walking in truth.



2 Peter 2:18-19

Grand thoughts that lead to obsessive compulsive behavior.



Romans 1:21-28

Pursuits without purpose lead to all unrighteousness.

The Futility of Mind

The term “futile” was used to describe things that were brittle or fragile, and by extension, things serving no purpose. These ideas are linked to “futility” in Ephesians 4:17 and denote ineffective and frivolous thoughts which are unstable.

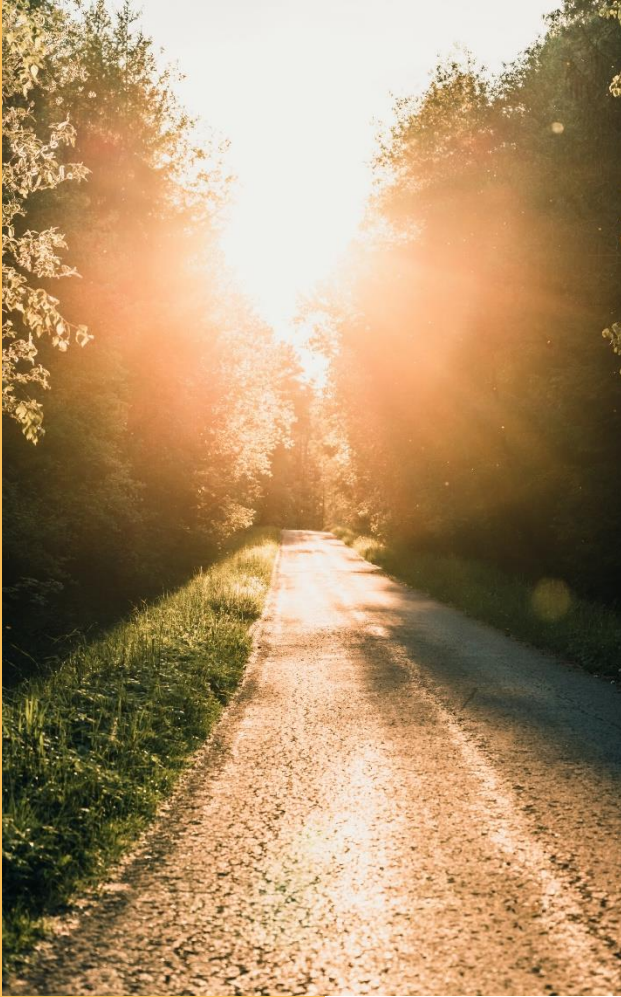




But you brethren, are not in darkness... You are all the sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:4-10

THE PATH OF SALVATION



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ACTS 3:22-23



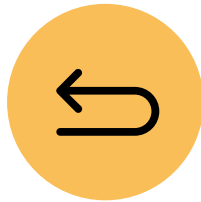
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The Walk Worthy of God's Calling

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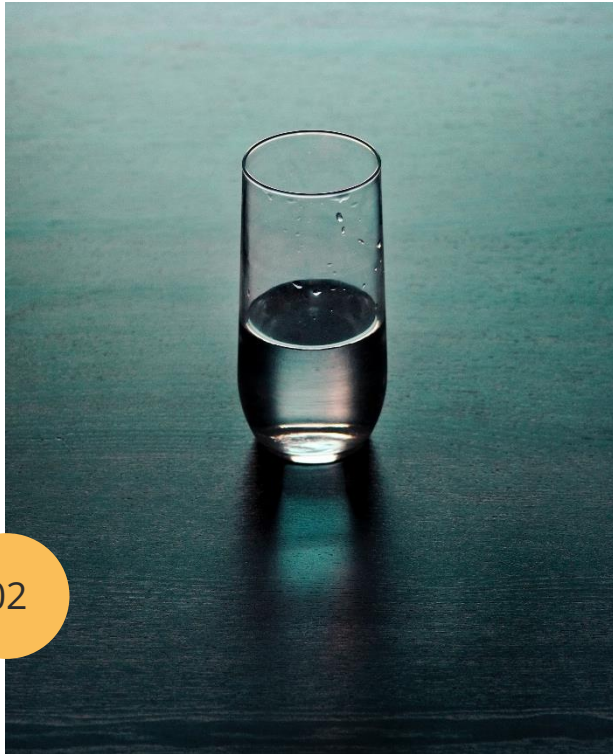
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Like champions in any sport, we must develop a discipline of excellence (1 Co. 9:25-27).



We must drink the cup Jesus drank, and in return we shall receive much more in this present life, and in the age to come eternal life (Lk. 18:28-30).

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No Ordinary Pursuit

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling...

If, on the day of redemption, our deeds don't balance out with the weight of heaven, then our salvation will not be valued (cf. 2 Co. 5:10; 1 Co. 3:12-15).



EPHESIANS 4:1





The church was established according to the eternal purpose which God accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord...



Ephesians 2:10

The life of righteousness is part of an eternal plan to demonstrate & declare the wisdom of God.



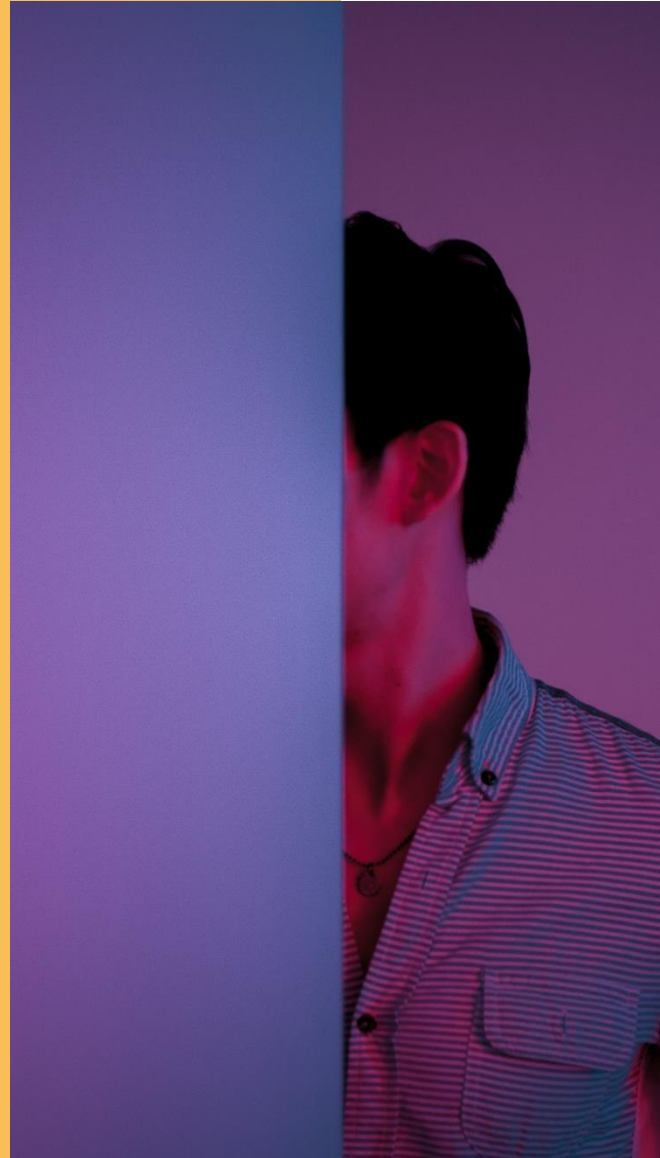
Psalms 119:142

The righteousness of God is an everlasting system of right living, and His law is the revelation of His good works (cf. Jn. 8:31-32; 2 Ti. 3:16-17).

The Prepared Path of Eternity

The Proven Path Of Eternity

God resists the proud, and when we lean upon our own understanding it prevents the transformative power of God's word. We struggle because we fail to see the invisible presence of God in our life.



Isaiah 66:2

To walk worthy of the call requires a character of humble obedience.



Proverbs 14:12

We may struggle with obedience because we fail to see God's wisdom.



John 16:20

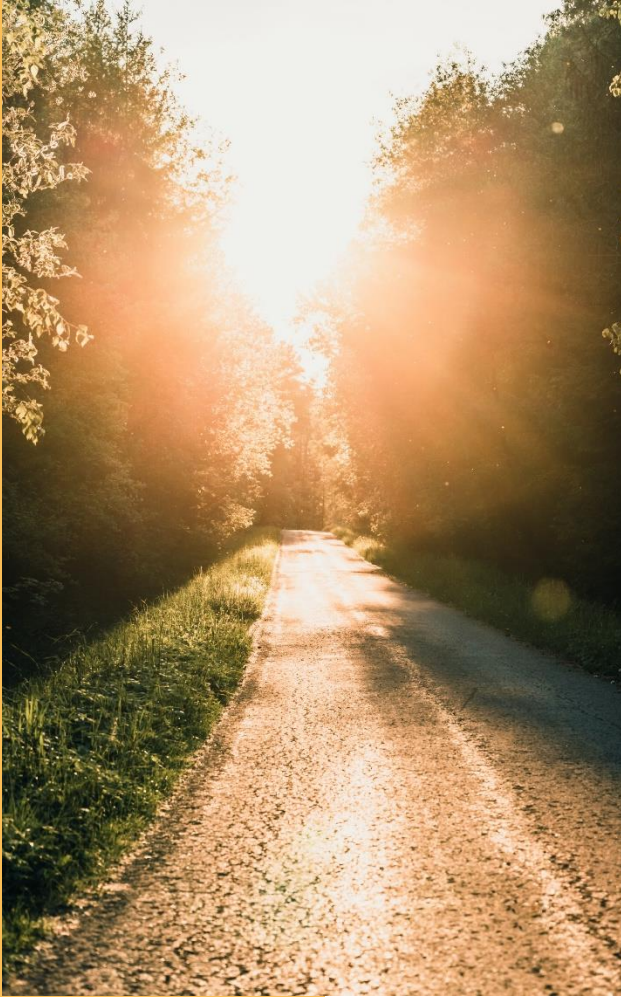
The things we sacrifice do not compare to the glory we shall receive.



Ponder the path of your
feet, and let all your
ways be established...

PROVERBS 4:26-27

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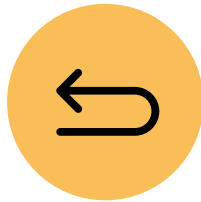
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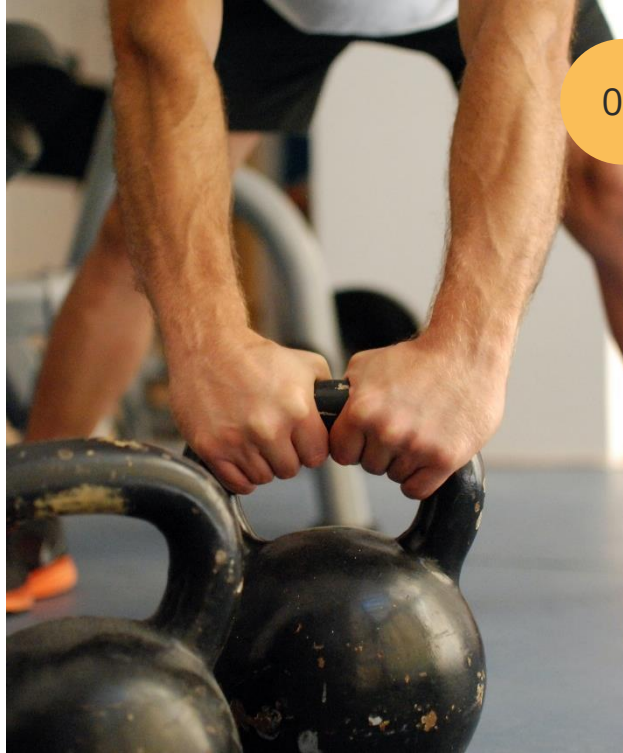


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The Walk of The Beloved

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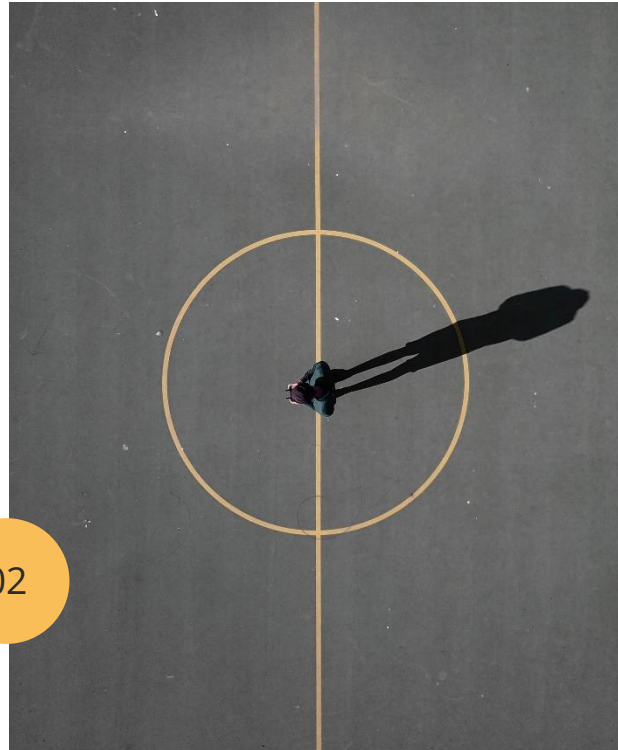


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The great challenge to overcome evil with good requires the best from us, and Jesus demonstrated what it takes (Jn. 16:33; Mt. 7:13-14).

The precepts of God's word develops within us a moral stability in Christ, so that we may withstand the deceptive tactics of our adversary (Eph. 6:10).

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Jesus
Overcame
The World

Therefore, be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love as Christ...

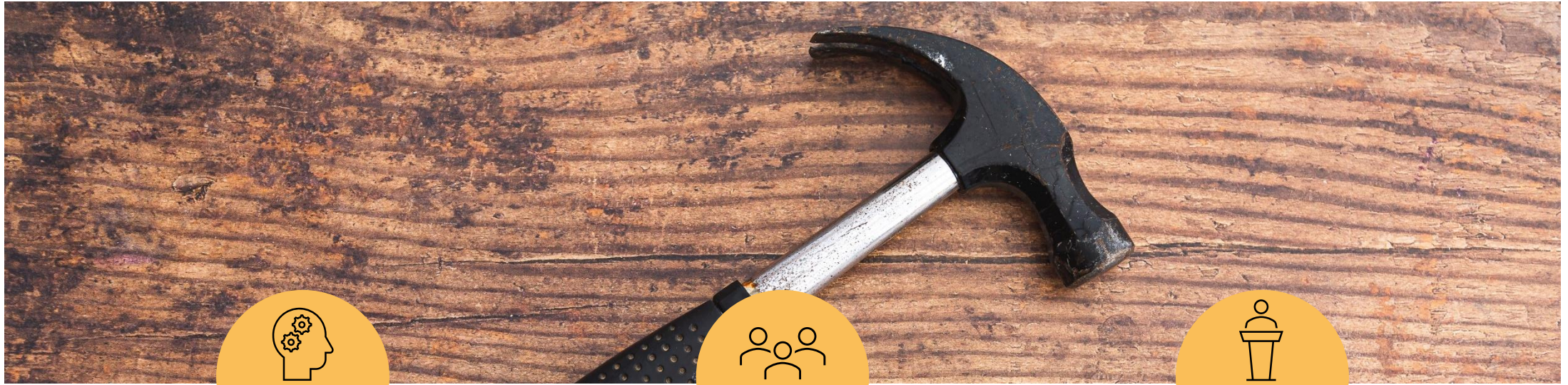
The term “imitate” has reference to mimicking, as a child would during their formative years. We must resemble the character and conduct of Jesus Christ.



EPHESIANS 5:1-2



Mimicking The Industry of Jesus Christ



FOCUS

Matthew 4:1-2

In preparation of His difficult ministry, Jesus prayed and fasted.



FELLOWSHIP

Matthew 4:18-22

To assist His ministry, Jesus identified & trained reliable men.



FUNCTION

Matthew 20:28

Jesus illustrated the purpose of His ministry through service.



When considering the example of Christ, we may want to excuse ourselves by appealing to Christ's divinity as the reason for His obedience.



Hebrews 4:15

Jesus made it through prayers & strong cries.



Hebrews 12:1-2

Jesus mastered morality because He delighted in God's will.

Mimicking The Motivation of Jesus Christ





For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake.

PHILIPPIANS 1:29

The Walk of Light

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The great struggle between the spirit of truth versus the spirit of error continues to this day (1 Jn. 4:4).



Although the future grows darker, we are not terrified in any way by our adversaries because we stand fast in one spirit (Phil. 1:27-28).

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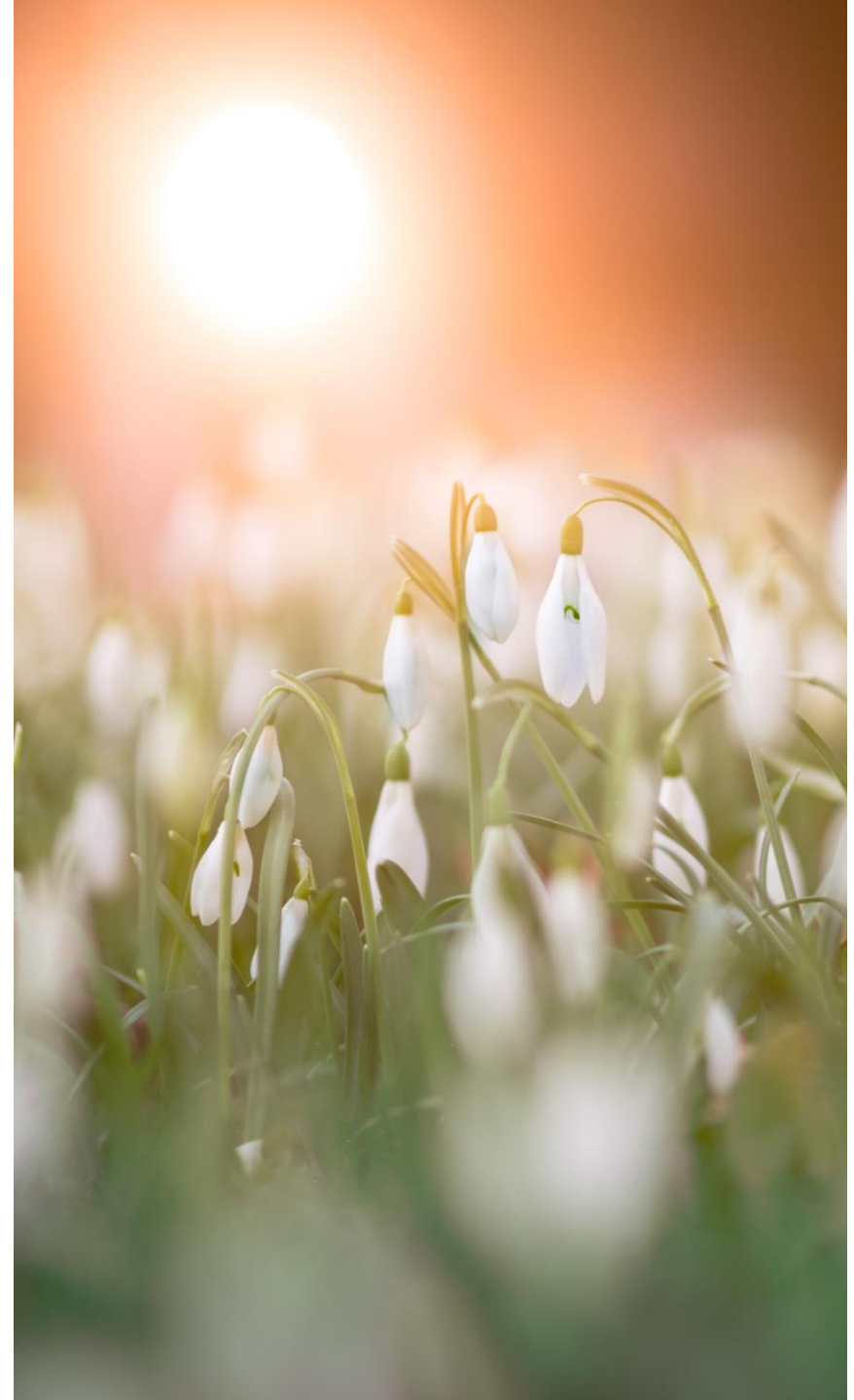
The Battle
Between Good
and Evil

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

Although we used to support and promote the
influence of darkness, we are not called upon to
reject and withstand the error of the world!



EPHESIANS 5:8-11





The Influence of Light in Darkness

Jesus taught us to let our light shine before men, that they may see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven (Matthew 5:16).

Romans 12:21

Our mission is to affect the character, development, and behavior of the world.

1 Peter 2:9

We must demonstrate and declare the moral excellence of God.

Ephesians 6:11-13

We ought to exercise every Christian virtue to gain victory over evil.



Ecclesiastes 9:18-10:1

Evil ruins our effectiveness in life and doctrine.



Galatians 5:19-21

Hate, Racism, Lust, Deceit, etc. promotes the heinous crimes.

The Darkness Overtakes the Light

We are warned that evil company corrupts our moral standards of right and wrong (1 Corinthians 15:33). Therefore, we must guard our hearts lest the wicked one overtakes us.

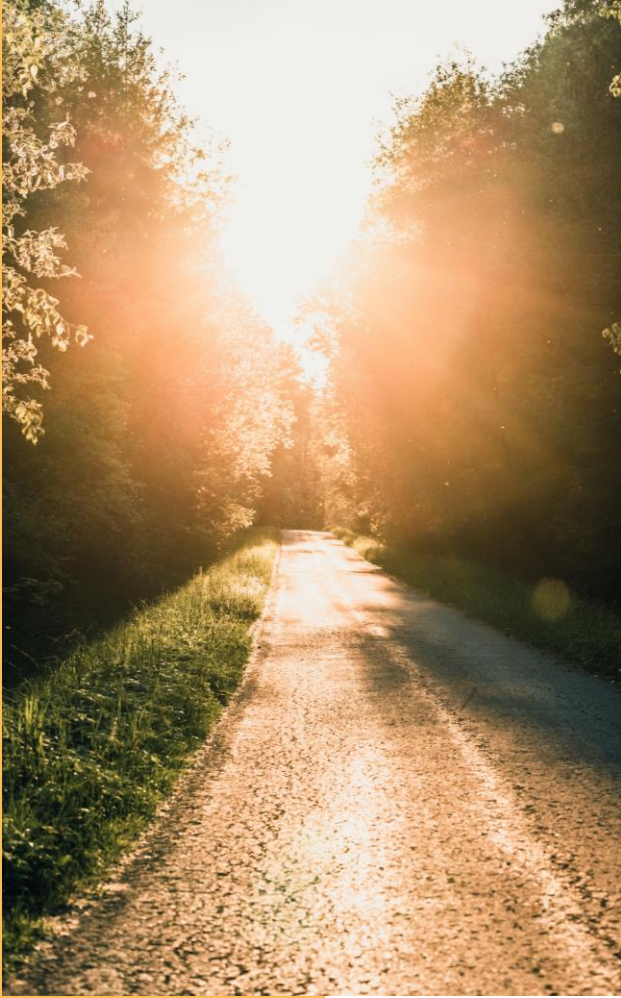




If anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules...

2 TIMOTHY 2:3-5, 7

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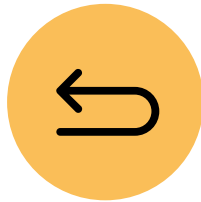
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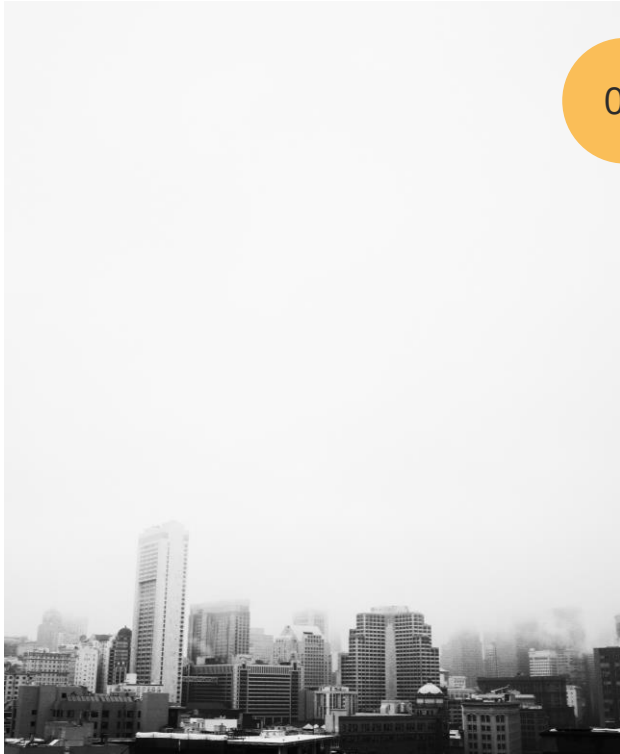


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The Walk of The Wise

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In comparison to the world we may feel powerless against the influences of darkness. Yet, God uses the weak to accomplish great tasks.



Though God has the ability to take 12 men and turn the world upside down, this can only be accomplished by carrying out His will and not ours!

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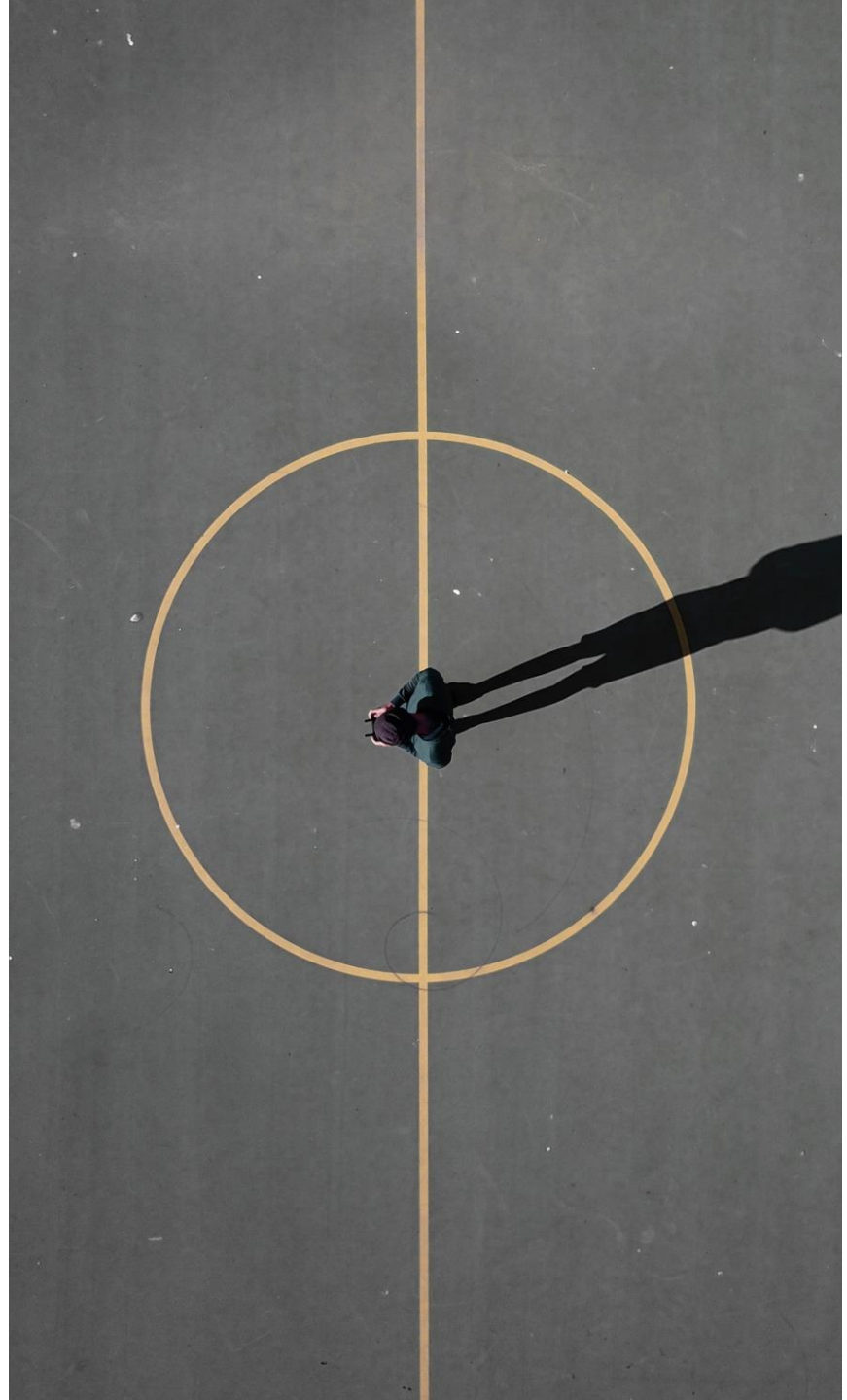
From
Weakness to
Greatness

See then that you walk
circumspectly, not as fools
but as wise...understanding...

“Circumspectly” pertains to strict conformity to a standard, with an emphasis on careful attention to detail and accuracy. We must look around for opportunities.



EPHESIANS 5:15-17



Becoming Aware of the Times

Are we familiar with the current agendas of academia? Do we recognize the culture war being waged against the culture of Christianity? The church must work to prevent further corruption.



Matthew 16:2-3

We must become familiar with the spirit of the times.



2 Thessalonians 2:7

God restrains corruption through the church. Incremental changes are occurring.



Proverbs 22:3

We are required to walk circumspectly and create preventative programs.

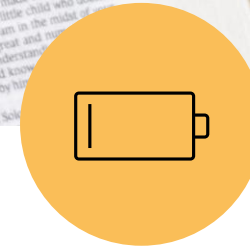
Becoming Aware of The Power of God



Psalm 119:104
An in-depth study
because of the
complexities of evil.



Joshua 1:7-8
God's wisdom gives
prosperity and success
in the affairs of this life.



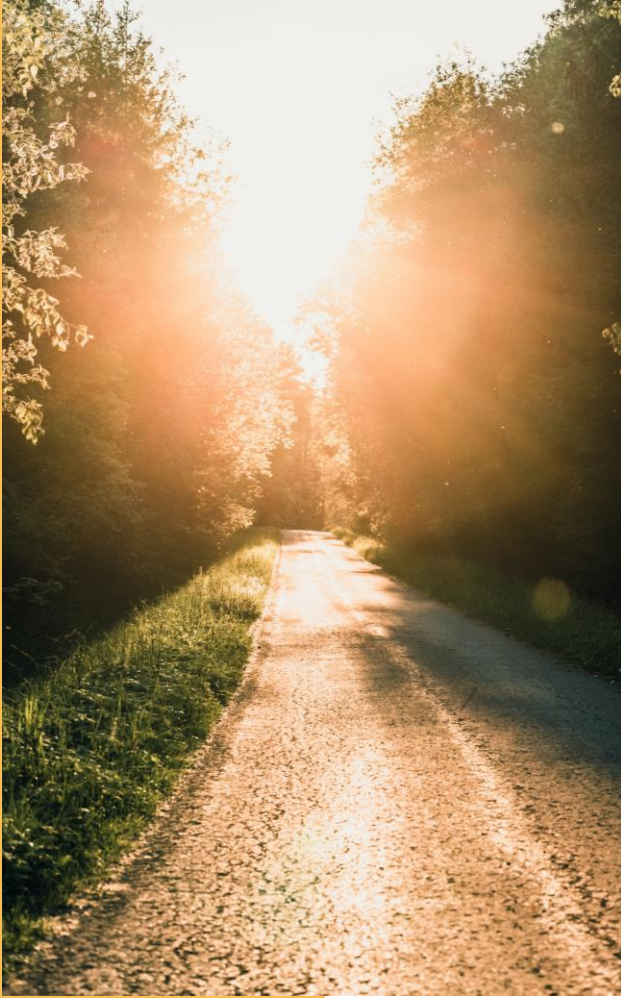
Acts 19:13-16
The power of God
improperly used
weakens our morale.



Wisdom strengthens
the wise more than ten
rulers of the city.

ECCLESIASTES 7:19

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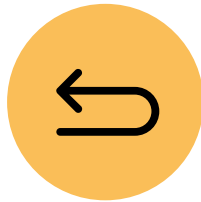
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