

Live the Truth; Give the Warning!

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If we are living God's Truth and doing His will in our interactions with others—in the home, attending school, at work, while shopping—or at any time when other people are around—then our life will be an *example* and a *warning* to those who do *not* live God's Truth and are *not* doing His will.

Our life is to be very different from the world. We begin to *live* the Truth and *give* the warning when we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, and we begin to really trust God in our life. It is *then* that we begin to shine a bright spiritual light in a spiritually dark world as we are inspired by the Holy Spirit.

We should be concerned for those who do *not know* the Truth and are lost in sin. Our *life* and our way of *treating* people—family, friends, coworkers, neighbors, classmates, and everyone—should be a life that is living the *Truth* and giving the *warning* to those who are not.

With the terrible spiritual condition of the world—morally, politically, and every other way, there is an *urgency* to *sound* the trumpet; to *warn* the world; and to *re-commit* our own life to God every day.

Our brief time on earth is *not* a time for play but for battle—it is a *spiritual* battle with the avowed enemy of our **soul**.

Each morning we begin by assessing our priorities for that day—asking God to *enable* us to *hear* His voice if He shows us any wrong *way* or *wrong attitude*, we have toward anyone.

When spiritual *light* is given—a spiritual *change* must take place—and God will always

help us *make* it! AV Hebrews 3:15 “*To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*”

We do not belong *to* this world—we are only *in* the world until Jesus returns. We are just *passing through*. So many today have no time for God; no time to read His Word and no time to pray for a right spirit within.

Many are just lukewarm to God's Truth—which is a *choice* but a very wrong one with eternal consequences—decisions have *consequences*!

Those whose *trust* is on God must always defend their *faith* in Christ. AV Jude 1:3 “*Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.*”

We have a serious responsibility—God has *entrusted* us with His Truth! Now we must *live* it; *sound* the warning; and *share* His Truth when God gives the opportunity.

The world needs to know because *time* is *running out*. AV Ezekiel 18:1 “*The word of the LORD came unto me again*”—and the Word of the Lord comes to us again when we read the Bible.

An increase of apostasy is a sign of the End Times. Wrong doctrines and false teaching are especially *dangerous* because we do not expect a religious message to be dangerous or deceptive.

Many assume that all Christian messages are *helpful* and *truthful*, so they let down their spiritual *guard*. All teaching must be tested with God's Word.

In Bible times there was no satellite communication, no cable news, no cell phones, and no drones to find out what the enemy was doing. Therefore, they would choose *watchman* to stand high on a wall that was built around the city, and they would look into the distance to see if an enemy approached.

Such sentinels had to be men of *integrity*; be *trustworthy*; be very *observant*; and always *alert*. NIV Mark 13:33 “*Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come.*”

AV Ezekiel 33:2 “*Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman: 3 If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people;*

4 “*Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. 5 He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul.*”

NIV Ezekiel 18:32 “*For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!*” He is not pleased with those who never *trusted* Him; never gave their *life* to Him; and just never *believed* the Truth of the Bible. God does not want anyone to end their life in the Lake of fire—*no one!*

Billions of people in the world have *no time* for God; *no time* for His Truth; and *no time* to find out how to receive eternal life. Millions of people have *never* given God the opportunity to *prepare* them for eternity—and time is running out.

AV Galatians 5:19 “*Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness [decadence; debauchery; impure desires, dictionary] 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred*”—and naming 10 more sins—*and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*”

If the billions who lived that type of life are already in *Hell*—if they could come *back* to earth for just five minutes, we can be *sure* they would

be willing to *repent*; to start *reading* the Bible; and to *accept* Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

It is most unfortunate, however, that it is *too late* for far *too many*! They were never shown the *example* of living God's Truth by anyone; they were never given a warning—and no one ever *sounded the trumpet* before those lost souls took their last breath!

Is our *life*, then, our *words* and our *attitudes*, *sounding the trumpet of truth* for our friends, co-workers, our family, neighbors, and anyone who is around us? If we *know* God's Truth, we are responsible to *live* it; and thereby giving a *warning* to those who do *not know* it because they never *saw* that example.

The cofounder of a cell phone manufacturer, prior to his passing, sold one of his companies for 400 *million* dollars.

Then he sold another company for eight *billion* dollars! He had more wealth than could be imagined—but AV Mark 8:36 "*What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?*"

The man referred to was a Buddhist—but Buddha couldn't *help* him on the day he stood before Jesus. Someone had told this wealthy businessman about Jesus—but he said *No!* He *wasn't interested*—he was not *willing* to seek the Truth; and *not willing* to take the warning. *That was his choice*—and a most unfortunate one indeed—because now it has *eternal* and *deadly* consequences!

If someone wants to know more about our beliefs, we should *tell* them that Jesus gave *His life* on the Cross so *our life* and *their life* could be radically changed to a life of faith and trust on Him for every aspect of life.

Explaining our faith is not a *presentation* but a *conversation*—like Jesus had with the woman at the well—who had come to draw water. Jesus told her that the *Truth* was a *gift*—and NKJV

John 4:10 "*You would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.*"

Living water is the Holy Spirit within to be in control of our life, our words, our attitudes and guiding us in every choice we have to make in the course of a day. Everyone has the *ability* to repent—everyone!

So, if God opens the door of opportunity, we should be willing to share His *Truth!* NIV 1 Peter 3:15 "*In your hearts set apart 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.*"

There are millions of agnostics in the world—those who don't know if there *is* a God or not—they claim there is not enough *evidence* to *convince* them there *is* a God—even though the evidence is *overwhelming*. Knowing God is a *faith* issue—a person is *willing* to believe or *not willing* to believe.

To those who are *willing* to believe God, a *gift* from God is given—the Holy Spirit. From that time, they will be enlightened to see *more* truth and to accept *more* evidence of God's existence—leading to repentance.

All who are *not willing* to believe—do *not receive* the gift of the Spirit and therefore remain in spiritual darkness.

AV 2 Corinthians 4:3 "*If our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*"

In the last ten or twenty years, hundreds of famous people in entertainment, sports, business; and the film industry—many *very* famous and whose names would be recognized anywhere, have passed on—they are no longer on earth. To

the world, death means *over with; gone*; they just don't *exist* anymore—leaving only memories!

But the Bible informs us that death just unlocks the door to the *other side!* It is the passing of *this life* to another—to either *Heaven* or *Hell*. All the famous people, if they were not converted, and all unbelievers who have passed on, are either alive in *Heaven* or alive in *Hell!* —it is *one* or the other.

How tragic it is that so many have no clue about what *Jesus* did for them—they do not know, or were not interested in knowing, that *Jesus* sacrificed Himself on the cross to pay the debt of their sins.

Our life, however, can be a *beacon* of light; a *glimmer* of hope to someone who desperately needs to *see* God's Truth lived out in real time! So many need to heed the warning of impending danger!

Jesus began His ministry with a *warning*—AV Matthew 3:2 "*Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*" And AV Luke 13:3 "*Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.*"

Our life of faith and trust on God can sound a warning of *trouble* ahead to a very troubled world—*big trouble ahead*, if there is no repentance and if there is no accepting the One whom God has sent to change their direction John 6:29.

How sad indeed that so many billions never saw God's Truth lived out in real time; no one gave them any warning about *accepting* Jesus into their heart to totally *change* their *life*; their *attitudes*; and their eternal *destiny!* —how tragic indeed! And it all could have been so different!



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