

Making the Truth Attractive!



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The question we should be asking ourselves on a continuing basis is: *Am I making God's Truth attractive!*—and being sure we give ourselves a very honest answer. With every situation throughout the day—when replying, responding, treating and meeting others, we can, by our attitude, words, and responses, make the Truth of God attractive.

This is an on-going question to ask no matter *where* we are or *what* we are doing—at work, in the home, during school, when playing sports or any activity with others—asking all the time: *Am I making God's Truth attractive!* When interacting with unbelievers, it may be the *only* time that they could be attracted to the true Gospel, and to also *love* and *live* God's Truth.

With every interaction we have with other people in the course of a day, we are either witnessing for the Truth God has given us, or we are witnessing for the *world* and its attitudes. The psalmist says in referring to Christ's kingdom—*Psalms 89:37 "It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven."* The moon is a *faithful witness* in the sky.

The moon was created to *reflect the light of the sun*, so the creation of the moon shows that

there must be a Divine Creator. Likewise, we are to reflect a *spiritual* light of the Son of God in our *ways*, and *words*, and *attitudes* towards others. If we spend all of our time *reflecting* the light of the Son of God, there would be less *spiritual darkness* in the world.

Time is precious and we are running out of it, because the days are becoming more evil. We must *always* be reflecting the light of God's Truth and making it attractive in a spiritually dark world today. We must always be *Ephesians 5:16 "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil."*

In the bright sunlight of noonday, a flashlight is not very noticeable, but in a dark cave, that flashlight is a brilliant beam and guiding our way through. The world is becoming spiritually darker with each passing day, so *our* spiritual light can be seen as a brilliant beam reflecting the Truth of the Gospel to those in the world—and guiding the way through this dark world.

Jesus told us *John 8:12 "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."* If we are not sure whether we are *making* the Truth attractive to others, or if we are *shining* the light of God's Truth, these verses are a good indicator; *Galatians 5:22 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law."*

All those *virtues* and *attitudes* were seen in the Lord Jesus when He interacted with people on earth. *John 1:4 "In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not."*

With God's help each day, we can *act* and *respond* from a *spirit of love*; we can choose to be *joyful* that God is working with us to save us from destruction; we can ask for *peace* even in the midst of the storms of life. It is a promise to claim and enjoy—*John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you, my*

peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Being *patient* and *kind* in our treatment of others is a good way to make God's Truth attractive—since today's world is becoming more *impatient* and *less kind* with each passing day. Doing *good* things for people, when God has given us the opportunity, is a fruit of the Spirit, and being *faithful* in doing good things for others when we are *able* to do them.

Having a *gentle* disposition is from the Spirit of God in our heart, Who enables us to be "*self-controlled*" in a world that is "*out-of-control*"—in regard to getting revenge on people and harming many in the process for any wrong done to them; lashing out in anger at the least provocation when on the highway or at the workplace. Many are *out of control* and drinking *alcohol* to excess or abusing drugs and making any kind of excuse for doing so—the list goes on and on.

Every day we should be *acting, responding, and treating* those around us in a way that would be offensive to the devil, because he does *not want* the Truth to be attractive—he does *not want* us influencing others to get *off his team* and showing them the way to get *on God's team!*

At a certain sports competition, participants have approximately sixty seconds to demonstrate their skills—and the last *fifteen* seconds of the event they call "*glory time*," when they are supposed to perform their best maneuvers. In an *eternal* sense, it is "*glory time*" for believers to act *their best* in making the Truth of God attractive.

Time is running out, so it is time to do *our best* for the Savior. He will be here soon, and we *must* be ready by trusting God every day, through the shed Blood of His Son, for the ability to walk in the light of His Word—*making His Truth attractive* in a world bent on evil. Jesus told us *Matthew 5:14 "Ye are the light of the world."*

Acting in a way that shines a light for our Savior Matthew 5:16, is planting seeds of His Truth in our way of living and responding. The apostle says 1 Corinthians 3:6 “*I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.*” Our part is to actually *live* His Truth so others can *see, hear,* and be *influenced by* our way of life. That is *planting and watering*—but nothing is growing yet.

The apostle explains 7 “*So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.*” Our part is *important* but *not* the *main* ingredient—as we act each day in harmony with God’s will and plan. 8 “*Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.* 9 *For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, you are God’s building.*”

To live our life in a way that does *not* make the Truth attractive, would be the sin of *omission*. James 4:17 “*Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.*” The devil makes it easy today to have the “*me first*” attitude, instead of the “*God first*” attitude. Anything we have said or done outside the Word, can be *confessed* to God and accepting *His* forgiveness. Then we are to *do* what Jesus told the woman caught in sin to *do* John 8:11 “*Go, and sin no more.*”

If we stop putting *wood* on a campfire, it eventually goes *out*, but if we put *wood* on it, the fire *keeps* burning—thus the apostle says—James 1:22 “*But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*” Then adding 2:20 “*That faith without works is dead.*”

Philemon 1:5 “*Because I hear of your love and of the faith which you have towards the Lord Jesus and which you manifest towards all God’s people; 6 praying as I do, that their participation in your faith [making the Truth attractive] may result in others fully recognizing all the right affection that is in us toward Christ.*”

Our life here on earth is to *glorify God* and to make His Truth attractive. If people are not seeing *Jesus* in our ways, words, actions, or attire—whom *are* they seeing!—is the question. Making the way of the Lord look *good* is the way of the believer in Christ. If we are *not* doing that, there is the *choice* and the *opportunity* to *start* doing so.

Revolution means a complete change from one government to another government; but in our situation it means a complete change from following the world to following the Savior, and making His Truth attractive to *those* we interact with; to *those* with whom we do some type of business; to the *friends* who are part of our leisure activities; and to our close *family members* with whom we speak and interact with on an everyday basis.

If the devil has been controlling our ways and words—resulting in making the Truth of God *unattractive*, then it is time for a *revolution*—it is time for the *overthrow* of the present government that is in control of our life. John 12:31 “*Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince [ruler] of this world be cast out.*” Satan is *overthrown* [cast out], and our Ruler is now the Lord Jesus!

If we let the love for the Lord Jesus cause a revolution *in* us, it can begin to cause a revolution in the lives of those *around* us. Making the Truth of God attractive is so important in this spiritually dark world today—a world that has *no time* for Bible Truth; and has *no intention* of living according to the teaching of that sacred Book—even though *time* is running *out*. Jesus will be *here* soon. We must be Ephesians 5:16 “*Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.*”

Everyone will give an *account* to the *Judge* of everyone. The apostle was speaking of those who do *not* make God’s *Truth* attractive, but make the ways of the *world* attractive. He is say-

ing to all those who get involved in; “*drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries,*” etc—1 Peter 4:5 “*They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.*”

Every *day* is another *chance* for us to make the Truth attractive—a Truth that God has graciously given to us. With every *situation* every *day*—when replying, responding, treating and meeting others, we can—with God’s Holy Spirit within—*make the Truth attractive* by our attitudes, our words, and the many responses we make each day.

It is more *important* than we may realize—as it may be the *only Truth* some people will ever see, or hear, or be influenced by—as the world spirals out of control and deeper into spiritual depravity with each passing day. We either finish *strong*; or we finish *wrong*!

If we do *not* make the Truth attractive, *what* will we *say* to the Savior on that Day! Or would *He* have to say Matthew 7:23 “*I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*” We do *not* want to ever hear that from the Lord. Romans 14:11 “*For it is written [Isaiah 45:23], As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.* 12 *So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.*” With His help—*Making the Truth Attractive*—is doable!



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