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### Thoughts Worth Pondering

- Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them. - unknown

- Anyone can make a mountain out of a molehill by throwing on more dirt . -

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# The Lilbourn Light



*"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" -Psalm 119:105*



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## Looking In All Directions

Why do people think they are getting away with something just because others are not aware of it? Do we forget that there is One who sees and hears all we do and say? If we don't want people to know, how do we behave when no one is looking but is it that we are so unconcerned about the fact that God knows?

The proverb writer said, "The eyes of the LORD are in every place, Watching the evil and the me and you know me. 2 You know good" (Proverbs 15:3). That pretty much covers everywhere, doesn't it? 3 You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. 4 Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD."

Remember, who we really are is measured by what we do when no one is looking!

— Shane Williams

## Tough or Easy?

Paul, talking of his upcoming tribulations said, *“But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy...”* (Acts 20:24).

The Christian life—is it tough or easy? Which is it supposed to be? Does our faith in Jesus Christ cause us difficulty, hardship, suffering, and loss? Or do we think it paves for us an easy road to heaven?

These aren't necessarily easy questions. But if we look at some of the people in the Bible—the ones we admire and respect for their obvious faithfulness to the Lord—we see that they didn't have a life of ease. Paul, for example, faced difficulties that would make most of us wonder where God is: *shipwrecks, imprisonments, beatings, and other kinds of severe mistreatment* (2 Corinthians 11:23-28). From a physical perspective, it seems he was better off before he started following Jesus.

Jesus Himself said, *“If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me”* (Matthew 16:24). That's a clear call for self-denial.

Paul was given a task, and he did it wholeheartedly for God's glory, no matter what the cost (Acts 20:24). Are we willing to do what God has called us to do with the same commitment, whether it is easy or tough?

Following Jesus is always right—but seldom easy.

— Shane Williams

### God's Plan for Saving Man

- ◆ Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:17)
- ◆ Believe the Gospel (Hebrews 11:6; John 20:31)
- ◆ Repent of Past Sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
- ◆ Confess Faith in Christ (Romans 10:10; Matthew 10:32)
- ◆ Be Baptized in water (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Gal. 3:27)
- ◆ Be Faithful until/ unto Death (Rev. 2:10)

## Magazine Christianity

Are we "Magazine Christians"? One preacher used this phrase to describe how some believers divide their lives into subdivisions, with the religious section given a half-page somewhere near the back. Little, if any, attempt is made to relate matters of faith to the everyday issues of life.

Some think that the “spiritual element” of their lives can be taken care of by church attendance or doing some good. Then they are free to run their own lives, choose their desired entertainment, and relate to people in whatever way pleases them the most. Christianity, however, can't be confined to just one area or department of our lives.

When Paul prayed for the “saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are at Colosse”, he asked God that they be *“filled with the knowledge of His Will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding”* (1:9). He asked

that they would know God's will in every aspect of their life—what they thought and what they did—so that they would *“walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects...”* (v.10). Paul had been working hard to teach them God's Will, so they (as well as every Christian Paul taught) could be *“complete in Christ”* (Col. 1:25-29).

Our relationship with Christ must affect all areas of life. There is no way we can live a life that is pleasing to God if we keep our faith limited to the religious section. Walking with Christ is a life-filled practice.

— Shane Williams



**Have you read your Bible lately?!?**

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