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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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## **"Good" According to Whom?**

Too often people look in the wrong places when they're searching for role models. We look for someone who is a good athlete, one who makes a large salary or one who commands respect because of their leadership skills.

This seems to be society's recipe for a modern hero. When we look only at these characteristics for someone who is "good," we fail to see that "godly" is rarely considered important.

The world has quite a twisted view of what it considers to be "good." People may talk about good movies, good books, or good morals but it may be anything BUT good by God's standards, which is the only standard that really matters.

In Psalm 112 we see a clear set of guidelines for what makes a person good. According to the psalmist, a good man fears the Lord (vs. 1), delights in God's commands (vs. 1), and is gracious, compassionate, and righteous (vs. 4). He is generous and exercises discretion (vs. 5). He is unshakable in his faith, and he has no fear because his trust is in God (vss. 6-8).

Are you looking to be a good man or woman? In a society where so many are anything but godly, how can we set the right example? Look at Psalm 112. It's a pattern all need to follow if we want to be "good" in God's sight and make a difference in our world.

— Shane Williams

## Life from Death

For anything to grow, something else has to die. This principle is universal. For acres of corn or wheat to grow, trees and prairie grass had to die. For cities to grow; fields and farmlands had to give way. For people to grow, animals and plants must give up life.

Jesus, in talking about the gain to be made by his death said in **John 12:24**:

*“Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.”*

For Christians to grow spiritually, the old habits, desires and previous ways of thinking have to die.

**Col 3:5**, “Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.”

In order for us to grow in purity, holiness, righteousness, godliness, etc., we must put down the things

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of this world. You cannot be abiding in the fruit of the spirit while walking in the works of the flesh (Gal. 5)!

The Bible often talks to us about putting away (death) the old man of sin (ways of the world) and putting on the new man (walking in newness of life).

From the text in Col. 3, Paul reminds his readers of the right way to live since they have *“laid aside the old self with its evil practices and have put on the new self”* (vss. 9-10).

Is there room in our lives for the spiritual qualities of Christ to grow? How can we be more Christ-like, if we are unwilling to put away the old self? If you are not growing, then perhaps it's because you haven't killed off those hindrances of the world?

Paul said, *“I...entreat you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called.”* (Eph. 4:1). Let us strive to grow in Christ.

— Shane Williams

## The Final Outcome

What would life be like if you could see how all of the various events in your life would unfold? This might include any problems you would encounter, any relationship, any sickness, any investment opportunity, etc. Life would change so much if we knew how these matters in life would turn out. You would likely change the way you handled each situation you faced.

When Jesus was arrested and led off to trial, His disciples were confused and afraid (Mt. 26:47-56). They weren't expecting this to happen. They sure weren't expecting Him to give Himself up. **Matthew 26:56**, *“Then all the disciples left Him and fled.”*

Their distress would only have increased as they saw Jesus on trial, scourged and then seemingly helpless as He hung on a cross.

They did not yet see the whole picture of their Messiah's role. Before fulfilling His role as Conqueror and King, He had to *“give His life a ransom for many”* (Mt. 20:28) and be declared the Son of God with power by His resurrection (Rom. 1:4). One day He will return in glory and power.

**We CAN know that His Will is going to succeed.**

Today we see events that discourage us. The forces of evil often seem to be in control. We may feel small and insignificant. However if we look by faith beyond the present and focus on the final outcome of God's plan, we can find much in which we can rejoice.

We don't have the ability to know how everything is going to turn out in this life or even in the next hour.

However we CAN know that God is our Father and wants what is best for us. We CAN know that His will is going to succeed. He wants us as His children and has promised us a home in heaven. Will you choose to side with Him in the great battle?

— 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; Mk. 16:16; Gal. 3:27; I Pet. 3:21)
- ⇒ Live Faithful (Heb. 10:35-39)