

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

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### ARE YOU WALKING AROUND IN THE DARK?

Christopher D. Green writes: "I cannot explain why I do it, but I have always walked in the dark. When I was a kid I used to do it more as a challenge; an adventure. Now as an adult, I suppose it is more out of habit than anything else.

"If I get up in the middle of the night, I refuse to turn on the lights. Instead of simply flipping a switch and lighting my way, I wander around in the dark, relying on my sixth sense to guide me. Usually, I guess from all these years of practice, I can get to my intended destination without incident. However, a few nights ago proved to be one of exception and painful consequence.

"After being in bed for an hour or so, I got up to get a drink of water. With my mouth as dry as the inside of a Kleenex box, I shuffled down the hall half asleep but still awake enough to enjoy the tickling feeling the carpet made on my feet. As I cleared the end of the hall, it felt good to pause by the heater. Continuing on only a few shuffles more, I met my doom; I think I actually felt the pain before it happened. With one fairly innocent shuffle, I crashed my foot into the dining room chair. The force was so great it knocked the chair over, and left me in a painful pile on the floor. The scream was muffled only because I had a mouth full of plush pile carpet. If I had only turned on the light, I would have avoided the pain!

"Too often Christians forget that they should not spiritually walk around in the dark. Not only should they avoid the darkness, they should also be a light that exposes the evil that is found in darkness.

"Remember that if we 'walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from every sin' (1 John 1:7)."

### 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 (NASB)

1 Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we received mercy, we do not lose heart, 2 but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness, or adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. 3 And

even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 5 For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, Who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shown in our hearts to give the light of knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

I don't know about you but I am not a fan of the darkness. I like to see where I am going and arrive there safely. I wouldn't drive a car at night without the lights on. It is dangerous and could cause others to be injured as well as myself.

Don't you hate it when you stub your toe on something? It is painful and is especially dangerous for us diabetics.

There is a reason God has given us darkness and light. We need the light to get about and be productive in. We need the darkness to rest in preparation for another day.

Spiritually speaking darkness represents sin, and light represents righteousness. There is a right way and a wrong way. Don't be fooled by the large numbers of people who don't think right living is important. If you look seriously at the Bible you will soon learn that being the majority does not mean you are in the right camp. More often than not it is the minority that is walking in the light and the majority is stumbling along in the dark.

Those in the dark have a difficult time understanding the light. They are blinded by the darkness and stumbling along on the path that leads to destruction. On which path do you find your life?

Is there anything brighter than God and His Son? The Bible speaks of the glory of God and the glory He gave His Son. When the coming kingdom of God is described in the Bible it speaks of the New Jerusalem and brilliance of light coming from the throne. There will be no need for the Sun or the Moon in that great city.

When we give Jesus room to work in our lives he always brings us to the light. He does not want us stumbling along with the rest of the world in the darkness. He gives us the information we need to know to become saved and receive the promise of eternal life in that coming kingdom. I don't know about you, but that is the life I am looking forward to.

What does it mean that God says “Light shall shine out of darkness”? Try Genesis 1:3. The earth was void and without light until God brought forth light. I am thankful God lit things up, aren’t you?

God also lights up those who are seeking Him, His kingdom and righteousness for their lives. He offers us direction and the light we need to draw near to our God and Creator. Do you want that light in your life?

So What Shall We Do?

Christopher D. Green choose to stumble in the dark and paid the price with a hurting foot. He could have turned on the light. It was available.

God has shown in the Bible the way to salvation and perfection in His presence. He is the source of all light and understanding. To understand His ways and the road that leads to eternal life you will have to check out the guide book. It is called the Bible and its message will bring light into your life and light the way that is pleasing to Him and beneficial to you. Will you come into the light? It is available.

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