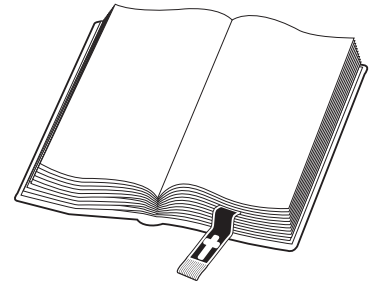


Walking in God's Light

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105



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Beloved, as you know, we live in a sin-filled world. The darkness of sin, tests, trials, temptations, and suffering are all around us, and at some point come into every life. Since I gave my life to Christ in 1976, I have daily gone to the Bible for wisdom, guidance, encouragement, hope, and comfort for the many dark situations in my life. Most important of all, I daily read my Bible so that I can have a deep, intimate relationship with God my Creator and heavenly Father, with Jesus Christ, my Savior and best friend, and with the Holy Spirit, my teacher, guide, comforter, and friend.

The Bible truly has been a daily lamp to my feet and a light to my path in every dark, painful situation in my life as I chose to obey it. Daily walking in the light of God's Word has transformed my life and marriage! Proverbs 4:11-12 reads, *"I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in right paths. When you walk, your steps will not be hindered, and when you run, you will not stumble."* Daily, I humble myself and ask Jesus to teach me His wisdom for each situation. Daily, I ask Him to lead me in right paths. Before I became a Christian, I walked in a lot of wrong paths of sin. God's AMAZING GRACE and obedience to His Word keeps me walking in the light. God's Word keeps me walking in the right paths and prevents me from stumbling in sin.

Proverbs 4:25-27 reads, *"Let your eyes look straight ahead, and your eyelids look right before you. Ponder the path of your feet, and let all your ways be established. Do not turn to the right or the left; remove your foot from evil."* Beloved, just like

you, I am daily tempted to sin. The allurements of this world is constantly trying to seduce me away from Jesus. I have to constantly choose to keep my eyes fixed on Christ and His will for my life. I have to daily ponder the path of my feet. In making each decision I ask myself, "Will this lead me closer to Jesus or away from Him?" Countless times a day I have to make choices. Will I obey Jesus and walk in the light of His Word or obey my flesh and the devil and rebel and walk in darkness? Having God's Word firmly established in my heart helps me make decisions that glorify Christ and avoid evil temptations.

When I take a wrong path or give in to temptation, the light of God's Word brings me to repentance and sets my feet on the path that glorifies Jesus. Beloved, I have to constantly guard my time and relationship with Christ and my family. Constant ministry opportunities could draw me away. I thank God that my husband Richard is in charge of the ministry calendar. He decides which invitations I am to accept and which ones to refuse, and I obey his counsel.

I encourage you to daily walk in the light of God's Word. Obedience to Jesus Christ will give you true peace and joy. I want to repeat that. Obedience to Jesus Christ will give you true peace and joy.

— Janice McBride

All scripture is taken from the New King James Version of the Bible.

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