

“The True Light Source”

However vast the darkness, we must supply our own light.
-Stanley Kubrick

I came across this quote Kubrick gave in the late '60s. This very quote defines the very life most people are living today, and it runs in total contradiction of the scriptures.

Do your own thing; blaze your own trail; dig yourself out. Self-help books, diet books, motivational books are flying off bookshelves right now. The greatest self-help book, diet book, motivational book ever written is the Bible, yet few people want to actually read it.

Why is that, one may ask? Because we are living in a day where man wants to paint himself as the victim when the Word of God shows that man is the problem. It is impossible to walk and live in victory while always portraying yourself as the victim.

Another issue we face every day is that self has become the center of the narrative, rather than God being the center.

Going back to our original quote. It is impossible to supply our own light; the only light that we have is the light that He gives us.

Mic 7:8

8 Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD *shall be* a light unto me.

It is not a matter of if you are going to sit in darkness or not; it is *when* you are going to sit in darkness. When you are in a place of darkness, it is time to decide who is going to be our source of light. It is either going to be the Lord, or in the words of Mr. Kubrick, we must supply our own light. How can we supply something that we only have through the Lord?

Isa 51:1

1 Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD: look unto the rock *whence* ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit *whence* ye are digged.

I am supposed to look to the rock of my salvation. While I am looking to the rock, it is easy to look at the pit He dug me out of. If we are honest with ourselves, we could have never imagined Him getting us out of so dark a pit that our sinful lifestyles dug us into.

While we are being honest with ourselves we come to grips with the fact it was our own poor choices and bad decisions that placed us there. If we are going to walk in victory, we need to quit looking at ourselves as the victim.

Mic 7:7

7 Therefore I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.

Isa 45:22

22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else.

The victims always looks at themselves as the central part of the story; the victor always looks at Jesus Christ as the central part of the story. We are just the vessels He uses to allow His glory and His light to shine through us.

2Co 4:6

6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

When the world attempts to cast themselves as the source of light, they either knowingly or unknowingly are following the path of the father of lies. Showing really how little they know about themselves and God.

2Co 11:14-15

14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

15 Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

Hollywood, sports stars, worldly musicians are all attempting to cast themselves as these larger-than-life personas that can point our world to their source of light themselves.

The church need not sit feebly on the sidelines and watch helplessly as the world sinks farther into the moral abyss. We know who the source of our light is; we know how powerful light is. It is time to let the true light shine through us.

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