

## SHINING IN A PERVERSE NATION

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*The Lord is well aware of every detail and aspect of human failures, that will lead the end of the world as we currently know it. He has made a way of escape for everyone who wants to live. The true Spirit filled Christian church is God's effective way of saving souls from the finality of death. **PHI 2:15** That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;*

*If there are no constant standards by which morality, ethics, economics and politics are measured, then there can be no stability in positive outcomes. Every science has its laws that never change; thus, we have a constant outcome in mathematics, chemistry, physics, medicine, engineering, etc. It seems strange that humanity refuse to maintain a standard set of laws for their own continuing prosperity and survival. The bible is a record of God's continual warning for humanity to change their ways to a sustainable set of laws.*

*God warned us that near the end, the world would decline rapidly. **ISA 5:20** Woe unto them (great grief... used 13 time in the KJV bible. 13 usually refers to the agency of Satan) that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! This is also a consistent pattern of corruption behind every failed empire and civilization... we are unwilling to learn from the mistakes of others because human pride knows no boundaries.*

*We are also warned that the church would be offended by God's laws... despite signs and miracles. **2TIM 4:3** For the time will come when they (church members) will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; **4** And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. This is when the anointing of the Holy Spirit loses its essential position as the beginning point of salvation. Those who promote any other priority ahead of the anointing are called 'antichrists' in the bible. Many who leave the church end up in this position. What we believe is irrelevant; it's what we preach that counts.*

*God offers the solution in a very strong way in the same scriptures. **2TIM 4:1** I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; **2 Preach the word**; be instant in season, out of season (when suitable and when not so suitable); reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. & **5** But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. Laziness or **pride** are the only real attitudes that will get in the way of our successful service in the Lord... the light that shines in the darkness of human failings.*

*The solution to pride. **ROM 12:16** Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not **high** (lofty) things, but **condescend** (yield) to men of **low estate** (the simple and lowly). Be not wise in your own conceits (anything less than this is of yourself and not of God). **17** Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. **18** If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Much of our testimony is perceived by how we deal with each other, how we treat church members, etc.*

*Much of our internal church efforts build our chances of overcoming. **2PET 2:9** The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: Thus, we listen to God and build our lives around his directions. **MAR 16:15** And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*

*All our lives will be vastly improved by seeking to share the word of God with as many people as possible. The power of God is the light that changes lives; we need to continue to exercise that which God has placed within us. The lives we touch... will never be the same again, regardless of the outcome.*