

Light

Light=something that makes vision possible.

Here is something for you to think about. In the first three chapters of the Bible, it tells us that God created the heaven and the earth. It was without form and darkness was upon the face of the deep.

Then, the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. Then, God said, "Let there be light" and there was light. Genesis 1 1-3

Make a note of the fact that this was before He created the sun and the moon. So, we can conclude that the light of God is a light different from the light of the sun and the moon which He created to separate the day from the night and for signs and for seasons and for days and for years. Genesis 1:14

The word that is used in verses 3 and 4 of Genesis 1 is a different word from the word that is used in verses 14-18.

The word used in vs. 3 and 4 is a light that lets us see. Somewhat like when you turn the light on in your dark house, you can suddenly see. You have an understanding of what is around you, because you suddenly can see it.

Have you ever worked and worked on a maneuver with your horse and you just couldn't get it? Then you somehow got it..perhaps by watching someone else, reading an article, trial and error, or going for a lesson? You might say that a lightbulb came on and suddenly, you could get this thing that you struggled to understand and apply.

One of the greatest benefits of God's Word is that it brings this same kind of light into your everyday life. It gives you the ability to see and understand. Psalms 119:130 tells us that the entrance of God's word brings light and understanding to the simple. Here again, if you study the Hebrew and Greek words, you will find that this is the Genesis 1 3-4 kind of light.

We live in a world full of compromise and confusion and often I hear people say, "I don't even know what is right anymore." That person is telling me that they do not study God's word and that they are living in darkness.

We have all lived there before we came into the knowledge of God's light. Ephesians 5:8-14 says it pretty plain: TLB For though once your heart was full of darkness, now it is full of light from the lord, and your behavior should show it!" Because of this light within you, you should do only what is good and right and true. Learn as you go along what pleases the Lord. Take no part in the worthless pleasures of evil and darkness, but instead, rebuke and expose them. It would be shameful even to mention here those pleasures of darkness which the ungodly do. But when you expose them, the light shines in upon their sin and shows it up, and when they see how wrong they really are, some of them may even become children of light!

To bring this devotion down to where the rubber meets the road, we must ask ourselves this question. "How does this apply to my life?" Because of the light that is within us, we desire to know what pleases the Lord. To learn this requires the same effort that it does to learn to train a horse. You sought knowledge on how to train your horse or tune a part of his performance. The more knowledge you acquired, the better trainer or rider you became.

It is the same thing in your Christian walk. The Word of God gives us the light and the ability to understand and walk in that light. Don't be surprised when you read God's word on a steady basis if it causes you to have to make some decisions. For example: I see people living together before marriage. They may tell me that this is accepted in their culture and also accepted in this day and age or that their parents did this, etc. etc. (all people opinions) If you read about sexual sins in God's word, you will see warnings against this. The entrance of that warning brings light onto that subject, but the final decision is always yours. You can choose to walk in the light of God, or to oppose God. (The word oppose comes from the root word of opposite)

Every decision that you make in life is based upon your belief system. Some of us have a belief system that is opposed to God's instructions. We will never know that until we read his Word and learn to walk in the obedience of the light of that word. For starters, read Ephesians 4 17-32

This world began with God speaking light and later the forming of the sun and moon. One day, the only light there will be is Jesus Christ. Revelation 21:23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to light it, for the glory of God and of the Lamb illuminate it. Nothing evil will be permitted in it - no one immoral or dishonest - but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. May we all be ready for that light and that time.