

Making the Gospel Attractive

God's Word for Today

Read Titus 2:9-10 and 1 Peter 2:11-12

Thoughts for Today

Your life is a living testimony of the power of the gospel. A sinful lifestyle or behavior can bring shame and discredit the cause of Christ. But Christlike living can demonstrate the power of Christ to change lives and make the gospel appealing to others.

My dad grew up on a farm. One day he went to help a neighbor plow his field. It was a hot and humid day as he walked behind the mule team and the plow. Dripping with sweat he got very thirsty under the blazing summer sun. Dad took a break to ask the farmer if he could get a drink of water.

The farmer spit out his tobacco juice and it began drooling down his chin. Then he told my dad to get a drink from the water jug under a shade tree. When my dad picked up the jug, he could see something growing on the inside. With this sight of a dirty jug and thinking of the farmer's tobacco juice on his chin, my dad decided he wasn't that thirsty and returned to his plowing.

As you pray and seek to reach out to those in your circles of influence, your life will be like a water jug. People who need Jesus Christ as Savior are thirsting for the Living Water. When they look at Christ through your "glass-jug" life, will they be thirsty enough to drink? Will they see the pure, clean Water of Life and decide to drink deeply. Or will they see impurities and uncleanness that cause them to put off a decision for Jesus Christ? How clean is your water jug?

It's Time to Pray

- 1. Ask God to reveal to you anything in your life that might hinder others from choosing to follow Him. Ask Him to enable you to live in such a way that others will want what they see in you—Living Water.
- 2. Ask God what He wants you to do today to apply what He has revealed. What actions will you take?