

The Lies we believe about the world...

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Psalms 86: 11- Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.

Philippians 3:18-20

¹⁸For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

John 7:7

7 The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil.

John 16:33

³³I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

John 3:16

¹⁶“For God so loved the world,^[a] that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 17:15-18

¹⁵I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.^[a] ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them^[b] in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

Ephesians 6:12

¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Matthew 28: 19-20

¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in^[b] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

1. The World is too messed up to bring children into.

Psalms 127:3-5

³Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord,
the fruit of the womb a reward.

⁴Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
are the children^[a] of one's youth.

⁵Blessed is the man
who fills his quiver with them!
He shall not be put to shame
when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

Ephesians 6:4

⁴Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Proverbs 14:4

⁴Where there are no oxen, the manger is clean,
but abundant crops come by the strength of the ox.

Mark 10:13-16

¹³And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

2. I’m measured by how I compare with others. That’s what this world tells us to do. Put yourselves on the throne, its all about you.

2 Corinthians 10:10-13

¹⁰For they say, “His letters are weighty and strong, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech of no account.” ¹¹Let such a person understand that what we say by letter when absent, we do when present. ¹²Not that we dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who are commending themselves. But when they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding.

¹³But we will not boast beyond limits, but will boast only with regard to the area of influence God assigned to us, to reach even to you.

Matthew 18:1-4

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Galatians 5:25-26

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

3. With everything going on in my life, it's really not possible to live with integrity.

Galatians 5:17-26

¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, ^[a] drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do ^[b] such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

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4. Being a Christian is supposed to be cool.

1 Corinthians 1:18

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

5. My death will be the end of my story.

Hebrews 9:27

²⁷ And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment

Revelation 20:12

¹²And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.

John 14:1-2

14 “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God;^[a] believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?^[b]

Take-aways

- A. In an angry dark world, the joyful Christian is a bright light
- B. In a lawless society, the consistent Christian is a contagious witness.
- C. In a deceptive culture, the discerning Christian is a convicting presence.
- D. In a confused age, the confident Christian is a strong magnet.