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**TIME OF REFLECTION**

“Dull as dirt, you can’t assert the kind of light  
That might persuade a strict dictator to retire  
Fire the army, teach the poor origami  
The truth is in, the proof is when  
You hear your heart start asking  
‘What’s my motivation?’

And try as you may, there isn’t a way  
To explain the kind of change  
That would make an Eskimo renounce fur  
That would make a vegetarian barbecue hamster  
Unless you can trace this  
About face to a certain sign

Out of the shaker and onto the plate  
It isn’t Karma, it sure ain’t fate  
That would make a deadhead sell his van  
That would make a schizophrenic turn in his crayons  
Oprah freaks and science seeks a rationale  
That shall excuse this strange behavior

When you let it shine, you will inspire  
The kind of entire turnaround  
That would make a bouncer take ballet  
Even bouncers who aren’t happy  
But out of the glare with nowhere to turn  
You ain’t gonna learn it on, ‘What’s My Line?’

Shine, Make ‘em wonder what you’ve got  
Make ‘em wish that they were not  
On the outside, looking bored

Shine, Let it shine before all men  
Let ‘em see good works and then  
Let ‘em glorify the Lord”

~ “Shine” by the Newsboys

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## *Worship through the Word*

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**SERMON** – “Good Works: The Fruit of Faith” – *Kevin Schwartz*

**SERMON PASSAGE** – *Titus 3:8-15 (ESV)*

<sup>8</sup>The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people. <sup>9</sup>But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. <sup>10</sup>As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, <sup>11</sup>knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.

<sup>12</sup>When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. <sup>13</sup>Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. <sup>14</sup>And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful.

<sup>15</sup>All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith.

Grace be with you all.