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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

Worship through the Word

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

SERMON PASSAGE – *Titus 3:8-15 (ESV)*

⁸The 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. ⁹But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. ¹⁰As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, ¹¹knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.

¹²When 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. ¹³Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. ¹⁴And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful.

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

Grace be with you all.