

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

John 8:12

## **How to Really Live**

The key to clarity and stability in life is following Jesus

"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."

- C.S. Lewis

*Pharisees couldn't see because of  
Disordered desires*

But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

John 5:40 (NKJV)

"I do not receive honor from men.

John 5:41 (NKJV)

But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you.

John 5:42 (NKJV)

I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.

John 5:43 (NKJV)

How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God?

John 5:44 (NKJV)

*Pharisees couldn't see because of  
Calloused hearts*

Then Jesus said to them, "A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going.

John 12:35 (NKJV)

While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them.

John 12:36 (NKJV)

But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him,

John 12:37 (NKJV)

That the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke:

"Lord, who has believed our report?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

John 12:38 (NKJV)

Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again:

John 12:39 (NKJV)

"He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, lest they should see with their eyes,

Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them."

John 12:40 (NKJV)

*Pharisees couldn't see because of*

Information without intimacy

Then they said to Him, "Where is Your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither Me nor My Father. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also."

John 8:19 (NKJV)

*Pharisees couldn't see because of*

Counseled by father of lies

Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me.

John 8:42 (NKJV)

Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word.

John 8:43 (NKJV)

You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth

in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

John 8:44 (NKJV)

But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me.

John 8:45 (NKJV)

Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me?

John 8:46 (NKJV)

He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God."

John 8:47 (NKJV)

*Pharisees couldn't see because of  
Lovers of darkness*

And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

John 3:19 (NKJV)

For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

John 3:20 (NKJV)

*Pharisees couldn't see because of  
Confident misperception*

And Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind."

John 9:39 (NKJV)

Then some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him, "Are we blind also?"

John 9:40 (NKJV)

Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, 'We see.' Therefore your sin remains.

John 9:41 (NKJV)

“Artificial light can stimulate, excite, and energize, but it hollows people out spiritually.”  
- Jon tyson

We live in the light of life by following (akolouthein)

We akolouthein by looking to jesus

We akolouthein by being led by Jesus

We akolouthein by living from every word that proceeds from Jesus mouth