

Wednesday Devotional

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Scripture: 2 Timothy 3: 14

Continue in the Light By: Dr. Charles Stanley

Why is it we can be open to the truth but still walk in darkness – not having victory in key areas? Often it's because we fail to continue in the light that first brought us to an awareness of God's redemptive plan – simple faith in Him. Spiritual darkness encroaches when we grow indifferent to Him. And it can be so subtle that we're unaware of it happening through these almost imperceptible means:

A shift from devotion to performance. We move from trusting Jesus to work in us to dependence on what we do for Him.

A gradual change from devotion to convenience. We lose our commitment to honor Christ regardless of the cost. We make excuses and get stuck in our fleshly ways.

A move from repentance to tolerance of sin. As our love for and commitment to Jesus wanes, it becomes easier to settle into our sins instead of rejecting them.

Such shifts always frustrate our growth. So examine your life and make sure you haven't strayed from your simple faith in what God says. Then you will be certain to continue in His light and take hold of the victory He has for you.

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