

Transforming Daily
“ . . . what communion has light with darkness . . . ”
2 Corinthians 6:14

When you hear the word “communion,” what comes to mind? Do words like, “fellowship,” “intimacy,” “commonality” or activities like “marriage,” “family reunions,” or “dinner?” They should because that’s exactly the context in which the apostle Paul wrote 2 Corinthians 6:14. Paul was trying to get the church to understand that there should be a distinction between the believer’s lifestyle in comparison to that of the unbeliever’s.

With all of its good points, one of the compromises inherent with trying to be culturally relevant with the gospel is the distinct possibility of possibly becoming indistinct regarding the relevance of the gospel. Many have tried so hard not to look or act “Christian” that they have succeeded. The attempts have led to a great deal of confusion not only for the unbelievers, but also for the believers as well.

The challenge for the believer in ministry is two-fold. On one hand, the believer is to make ministry personal without taking it personally, whether receiving persecution or praise. On the other hand, the believer is not to allow their compassion to turn to contempt. Know that compromise is a significant step from compassion to contempt.

The next time you’re driving down the road (it works better at night) look at the reflectors in the center of the road. Most of them are yellow indicating caution. But every so often you’ll see a blue reflector. When you see a blue reflector, immediately look to the right side of the road, and you should see a fire hydrant. The reason for this distinction is for the responding fire department or emergency personnel to find the hydrant more easily in order to find the water to save lives and eliminate total destruction.

We are to reflect the light of Christ in a distinct fashion. His light shines on everyone, but it is only we who have a personal relationship with Him that reflect His light in the distinct direction that others may find the Living Water and escape total destruction.

Is your lifestyle distinct from that of the world’s, for what communion has light with darkness?