



“Gospel Ministry”

Shining the Light
II Corinthians 4:1-6

Shining the Light comes with an:

I. Attitude – “renounced... dishonesty” (vs. 1-2)

An attitude about:

- A. **Si** _____ – “as we have **received mercy**, we faint not”
- B. **Sc** _____ – “nor handling the **Word of God deceitfully**”
- C. **Su** _____ – “commending ourselves to every man’s conscience”

II. Adversary - “the god of this world” (vs. 3-4)

An adversary of the:

- A. **Lo** _____ – “it is **hid to them** that are lost”
- B. **Li** _____ – “lest **the light** of the glorious gospel of Christ shine”
- C. **Lo** _____ – “Christ, **who is the image of God**”

III. Ambition – “ourselves your servants” (vs. 5-6)

An ambition to:

- A. **De** _____ - “we **preach not ourselves**, but Christ Jesus the Lord”
- B. **Di** _____ – “commanded the light to shine out of the darkness”
- C. **De** _____ – “the **glory of God** in the face of Jesus Christ”

Sentence Sermon

“If you want to give light to others, you have to glow yourself.”

Additional Verses

- *Galatians 6:9*
- *I Corinthians 16:9*
- *I John 3:8*
- *II Corinthians 1:3-11*
- *Hebrews 2:14*
- *I Peter 5:8*
- *Ephesians 2:2*
- *Colossians 1:15*
- *John 1: 4-9, 18; 14:9*
- *Luke 1:78-79*
- *Acts 26:18*
- *Ephesians 4:18*
- *Psalms 119:105*

Questions to Ponder

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. What role does mercy play in forming a proper ministry attitude? Explain.
4. What are some of the hidden things of dishonesty?
5. How does a person handle the Word of God dishonestly? Give examples.
6. How would you argue against God being the one who blinds the minds?
7. What does the blinding of the minds actually do?
8. What does it mean for us to “preach not ourselves?”
9. What or who is “the light” and what does it mean for it to shine in our hearts?
10. What attitude, action, or ambition is most important to winning the lost?