

Understanding the Darkness

Let Your Light Shine – Part 2
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NIV Acts 26:17-18 I am sending you to them [the Gentiles] to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins.

NIV Ephesians 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

NIV John 12:46 I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

1. Worship God _____

NIV Luke 4:8 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

A. Don't submit to _____ orders

NIV Esther 3:2 All the royal officials at the king's gate knelt down and paid honor to Haman, for the king had commanded this concerning him. But Mordecai would not kneel down or pay him honor.

B. Don't submit to _____ pressure

NIV Esther 3:3-4 Then the royal officials at the king's gate asked Mordecai, "Why do you disobey the king's command?" Day after day they spoke to him but he refused to comply.

2. Understand the dark side seeks _____

NIV John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

A. The enemy seeks to destroy _____

NIV Esther 3:5 When Haman saw that Mordecai would not kneel down or pay him honor, he was enraged.

B. The enemy seeks to destroy God's _____

NIV Esther 3:6 Yet having learned who Mordecai's people were, he scorned the idea of killing only Mordecai. Instead Haman looked for a way to destroy all Mordecai's people, the Jews, throughout the whole kingdom of Xerxes.

3. Seek God's _____ to overcome the darkness

NIV 1 John 4:4 You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them [dark spirits], because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

A. _____ to God personally

NIV Esther 4:1 When Mordecai learned of all that had been done, he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the city, wailing loudly and bitterly.

B. Pray to God _____

NIV Esther 4:3 In every province to which the edict and order of the king came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting, weeping and wailing. Many lay in sackcloth and ashes.