



NightLight

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"take heed....as to a light that shines in a dark place." II Peter 1:19

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Dear Friends,

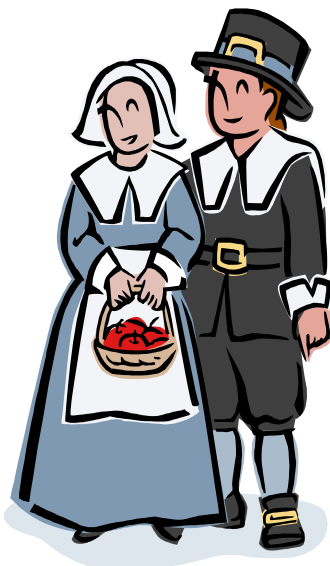


God is not asleep. Nor is He indifferent. He is ever present to His own, and is also reaching towards those who do not know Him with a willing heart to embrace them the moment they call upon Him. In the face of such trying times, it is vital that we stay awake and draw close to His heart that is beating in ours. That we love what He loves, and hate what He hates. That we seek always to be His hand extended. We are salt of the earth, the light of the world, the peacemakers, the ones who mourn because we hunger and thirst after righteousness. Who does not mourn over this malaise of our present culture?

Those of us who call Jesus our Lord are not sheep without a shepherd. We are not aimless or fearful. We stand at our station, and that station is wherever it is we happen to be placed. We do not ask *why here, why now?* We rest in the providence of the One who holds our every breath and who loves us. Our only question is not *why*, but *what*. Lord, *what* would you have me do, here and now, with the resources you have given

me for the ones I am able to touch?

God is the One who provides life, light, and love. When life diminishes to mere existence, when the lights go out and love dies, God has been dismissed from the culture. Yet even in a darkness that can be felt, there is life and light and love to spare in the tents of the righteous. Yesterday in my prayer time, I was singing to God. Suddenly I felt surrounded by a dark presence, even though I am not given to supernatural encounters. I heard voices around me screaming and shouting for me to shut up. I simply sang louder. And as suddenly as I lifted my voice,



they were silenced. I felt the darkness trying to close in on me. But it could not overcome the life and light and love I had to spare. For I am His beloved son, made righteous by His blood. My eyes are fixed on Him. My heart is raised to Him.

In the coming days, there will be wonderful opportunities to offer goodness and truth to many whose lives have grown stale and lonely in the dark. So many will be starving for life and light and love. And we, you and I, His beloved sons and daughters, will be there to give what we have been given by the Giver in ample supply to spare. The best is yet to be!



*...the real treasures do not vanish.
The precious loses no value
in the spending.
A piece of hope spins out
bright, along the dark, and is not
lost in space;
verity is a burning boomerang;
love is out orbiting and will
come home.*

by Luci Shaw

From Our Heart

*We believe God maintains what He ordains.
That is, He provides the finances for what He anoints.*

NightLight began on a monthly basis with the June 1993 Volume 1 edition that included the newsletter and teaching cassette. We believed then as we still do today, that this ministry was God's idea. As He gave us the vision, we in turn gave ourselves along with our interpretation of this vision, back to Him to shape into the true form He had in mind. Over the past 23 years of **NightLight**, we have been honored to stewardship this ministry for the glory of God. **NightLight** has always been debt free. God has always been faithful to meet every financial need of this, His ministry.

The Lord does not work in a vacuum. He works in and through people. And you, dear **NightLight** family, are the folks that supply this ministry financially. Every gift is precious to us, and prayerfully directed as we strive to listen and obey the Lord in its use. What comes in, goes out. We do not keep money in reserve. We keep it circulating in His kingdom purposes. When there is more, more goes out. When there is less, we wait upon the Lord to meet our needs. And He always does, even if day by day.

The times for the last 3 years have generally been "when there is less." Ever since we began offering digital downloads online, there has been a slow but gradual decline in donations. Yet the calls for healing prayer have increased. We do not charge for praying with folks. And many do not have the means to give a donation. Some of these calls for help require Clay (and sometimes Mary) to travel to meet with those in need. We try to network those that we cannot see.

We would like to invite you to join us in prayer regarding any changes we may need to make on our end. And we also invite you to pray about what changes you may feel led to make on your end concerning us financially.

We really struggled about including this request in **NightLight**. We are not comfortable asking for money. It has been so abused in the body of Christ by well-meaning, and sometimes by not-so-well-meaning, ministries. Yet how can you respond to a need if you do not know there is a need? That seems to be what the Lord said to do. That is, to **make you aware of our need, and leave it with Him and you**, having obeyed the best we know how.

Thank you for being a part of our **NightLight** family, and thank you most of all for joining us in prayer. Our love for you is great!

Closing Thoughts...

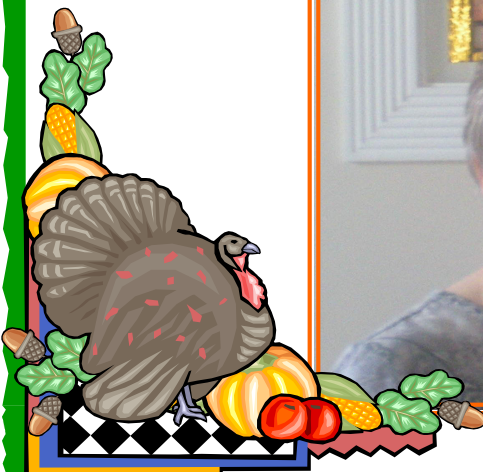
Just as you excel in everything
– in faith, in speech, in knowledge,
in complete earnestness
and in your love for us
– see that you also excel
in this grace of giving...
according to your means.

For if the willingness is there,
the gift is acceptable
according to what one has,
not according to what he does not have.

2 Corinthians 8: 7,11- 12



Happy Thanksgiving, Clay & Mary



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