

## Servant Leaders Preach the Gospel

2 Corinthians 4:2-5

“But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and yourselves your servants for Jesus’ sake.”

### I. Blinded Minds

The gospel is veiled to who are **perishing** because the world system has **blinded** their minds.

The gospel is veiled to the lost because they do not believe.

Their minds are blinded due to:

- Lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, the pride of life. Reference Luke 4:1-13
- Anger toward God because of conditions of life or past disappointments
- Broken families and failed relationships
- Calloused hearts
- Believers failure to share the gospel of Jesus Christ, or to share Him in love

*Why don't believers consistently share the gospel?*

Matthew 24:12 “And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall grow cold.”

### II. The Remedy: Love and Light

We will need to remember our **first love** and to do the **first works**.

Revelation 2:2-5

- a. Remember the love and devotion you had for the Lord Jesus Christ when you were first saved.
- b. Remember how zealous you were when you shared how Jesus Christ rescued you from the hand of the enemy; how he healed you and made you whole!
- c. Remember how you would share with anyone who would listen, and pray with people anytime you had the opportunity?

When we remember our love for Jesus Christ and His love for us, everything we do will be from the posture of love.

Because we are in Christ Jesus, we are **light** in this world.

Let the light of the glorious gospel of Christ shine unto the lost/those who are perishing because we preach through our lives.

Matthew 5:14 “ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.”

People are drawn to you because you preach through your actions and behavior, so you can either **draw** or **repel**.

### III. Preach the Gospel

As we share our testimony, we are not preaching ourselves but **preaching** the Lord Jesus Christ.

Some will hear and believe immediately and others will not.

Case Study – Paul with King Agrippa Acts 26:10-28

As we preach, we are sent to **release healing** and bring **wholeness**.

Luke 9:1-2 “Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.”

Why? Because God cares about the lost and desires that they not perish, but have eternal and abundant life that produces perpetual fruit.

“And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he does shall prosper.” Psalm 1:3

### Final Thoughts

*Who do you know that is lost or whose mind is blinded by the god of this world?*

*What will you do to preach the gospel?*

*Remember to **reach** from the posture of love. 1 Corinthians 13:1-3*

*“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angles, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge, and though I have all faith so that I could remove mountains, and have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profits me nothing.” 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 KJV*

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