



Light Applied
to *Life*

A journey through 1 John

Light =

Goodness, Purity, Holiness and Truth



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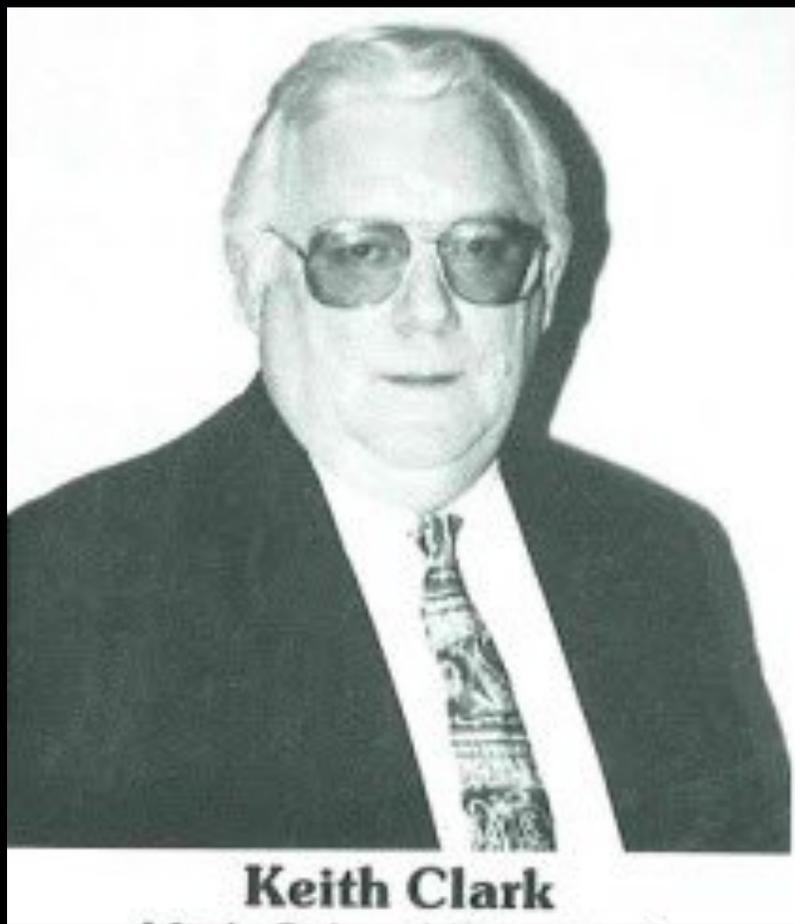
A Christian can enjoy daily fellowship with God, Who is light and love, and this can change the world one life and one heart at a time.

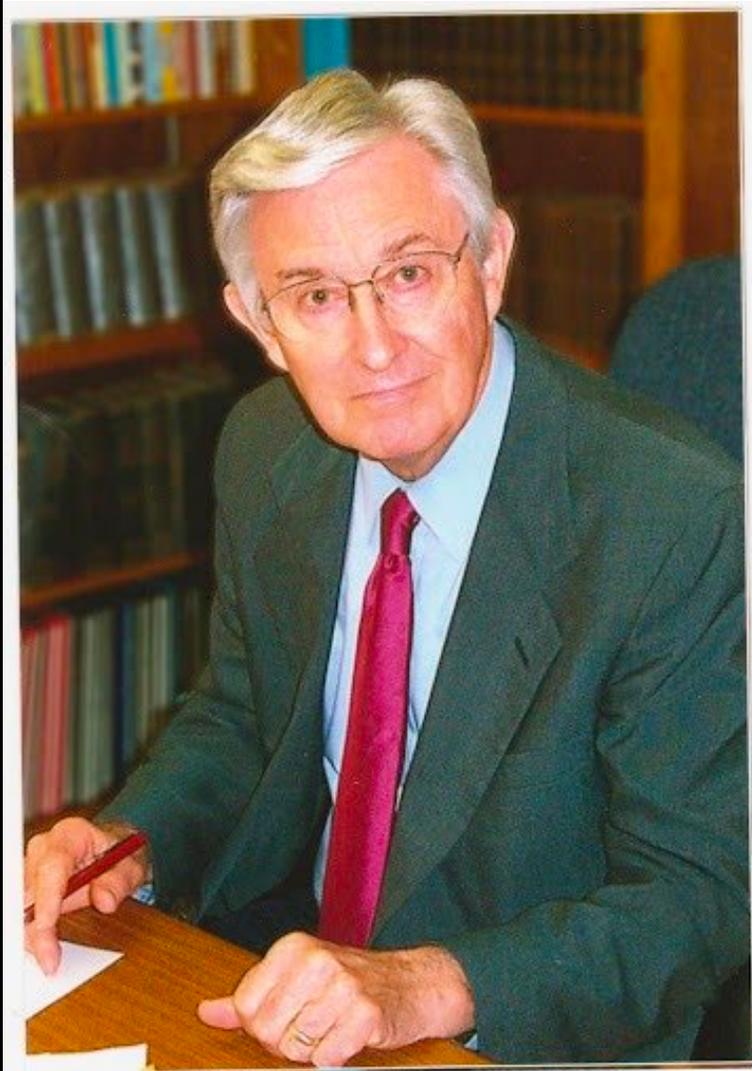




Homer Whiten





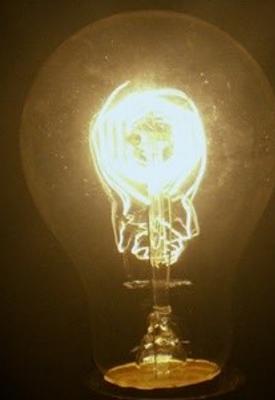


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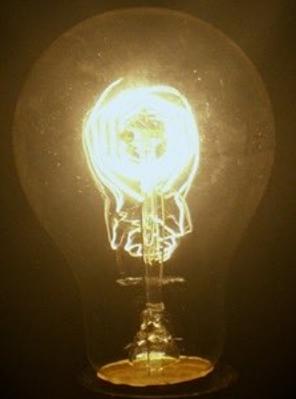


Heather Smith



“And what an amazing gift we can offer to others through encouragement! When we “en-courage,” it’s as though we actually infuse courage into another person. Encouragement can provide people with strength to look ahead, move forward, and reach for the next goal. The whole emotional tone of a tough situation can be transformed through encouragement. Somehow things seem a little brighter.’

Julie Exline



Big Idea:

God wants to strengthen and encourage us so we continue to move on to maturity in our faith.



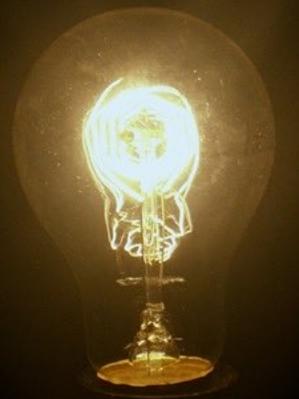
Today:

How do I walk in Maturity?



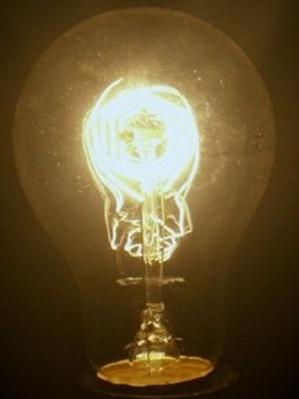
Foundational truth:

With the passing of time, God desires for there to be progress towards maturity of our faith.



Foundational truth:

Maturing physically is automatic;
maturing spiritually
must happen with intentionality.



“In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God’s word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.”

Hebrews 5: 12-14



Brooke Greenberg



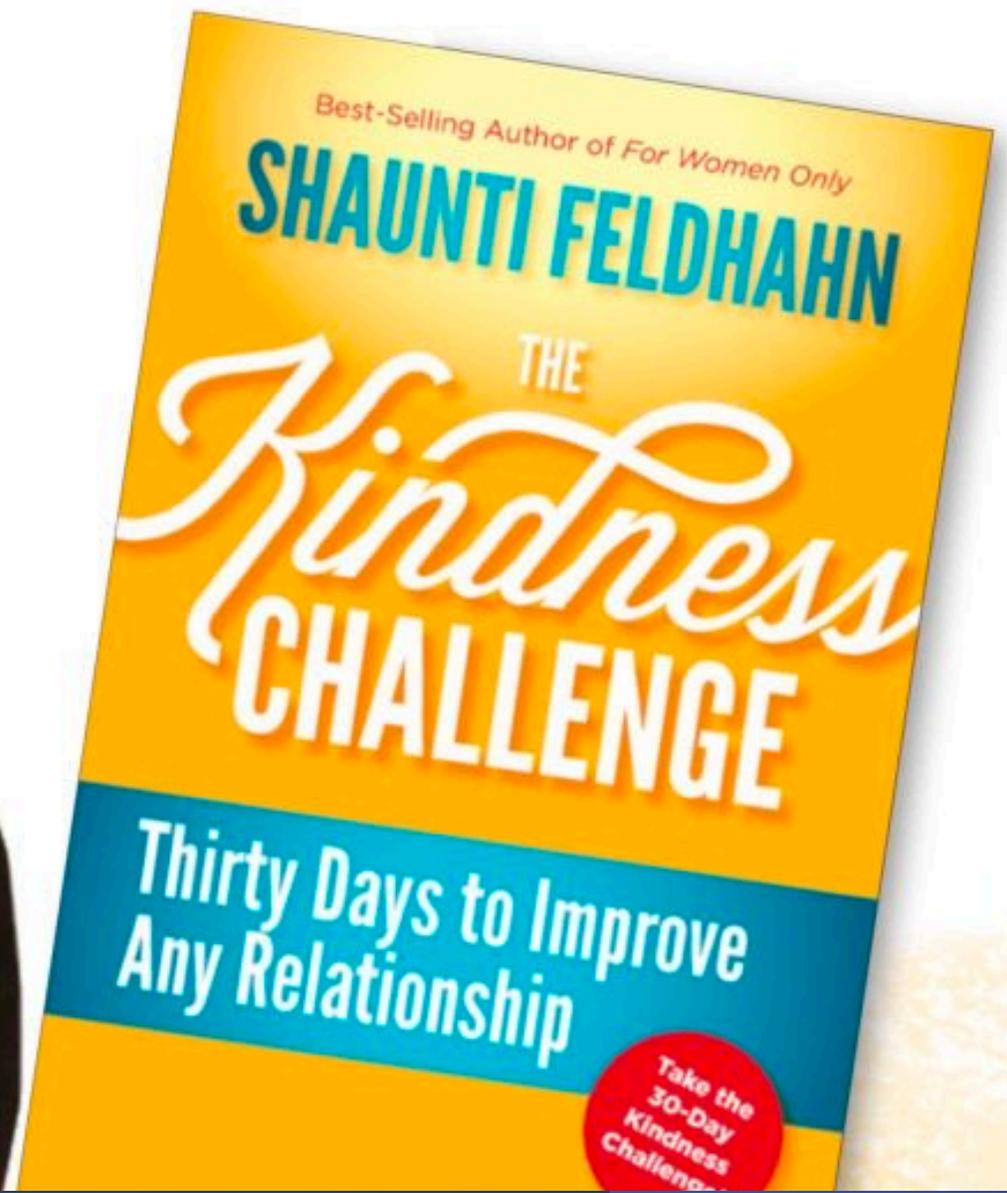
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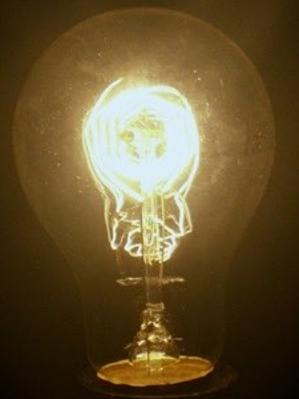


Are you a spiritual encourager
to others?





“I have literally seen relationships transformed as one individual intentionally sought to verbally affirm strengths or positive qualities of another person.”

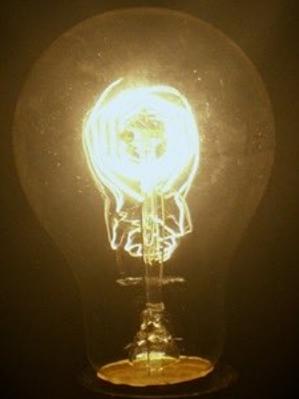


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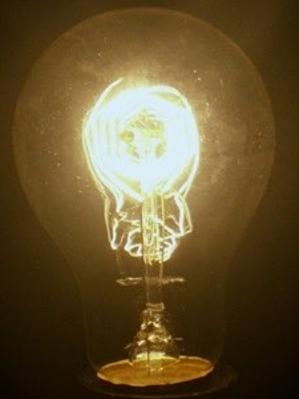
Place yourself in spiritually
encouraging relationships.



Know what spiritual stage
you are currently in –
understanding what next steps
in maturity you might need to take.



Children – Young men - Fathers



Children:

Forgiveness



“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus...
Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,”

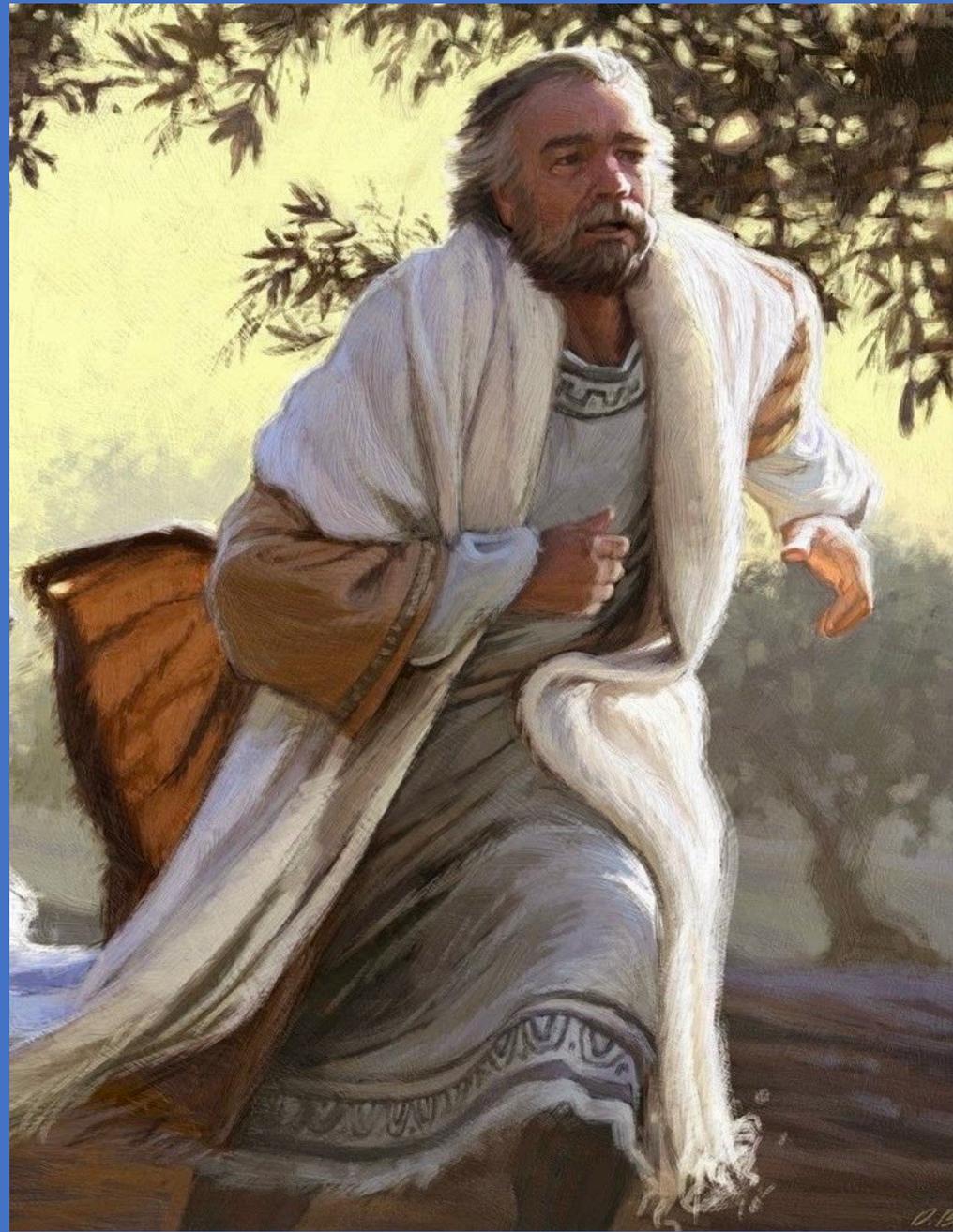
Romans 3; 5



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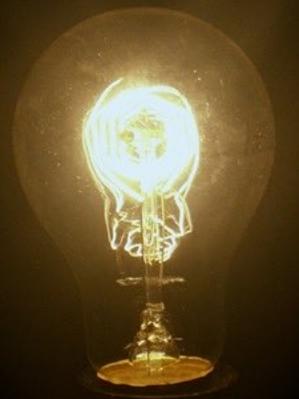
Forgiveness - Father





“and do not keep worrying...your Father knows that you need these things. But seek His kingdom, and these things will be provided to you. Do not be afraid, little flock, because your Father is delighted to give you the kingdom.”

Luke 12:29



Children:

Forgiveness – Father – Family



Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household.

Eph. 2: 19



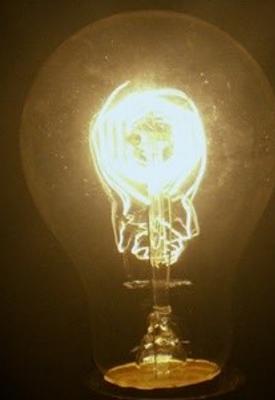


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The Young:



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The Fight

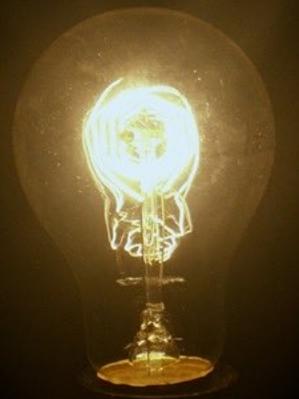


The Christian overcomes by fighting the spiritual battle from a posture of victory, while depending deeply on the Word of God.



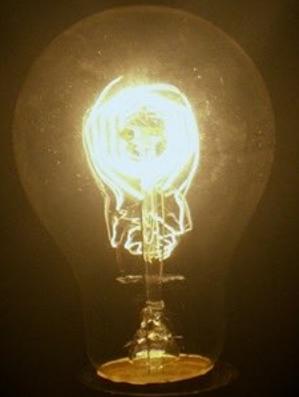
“We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.”

1 John 5:19



The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Matt. 4: 3



Doubt
your
Identity



Question
the
Father's
Goodness

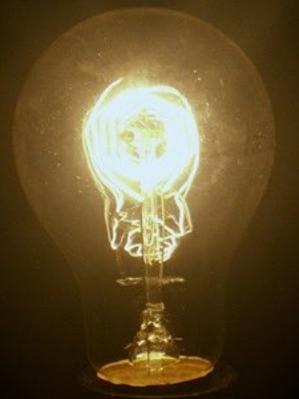


His
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Better
Way



But He answered and said, "It is written: 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.'"

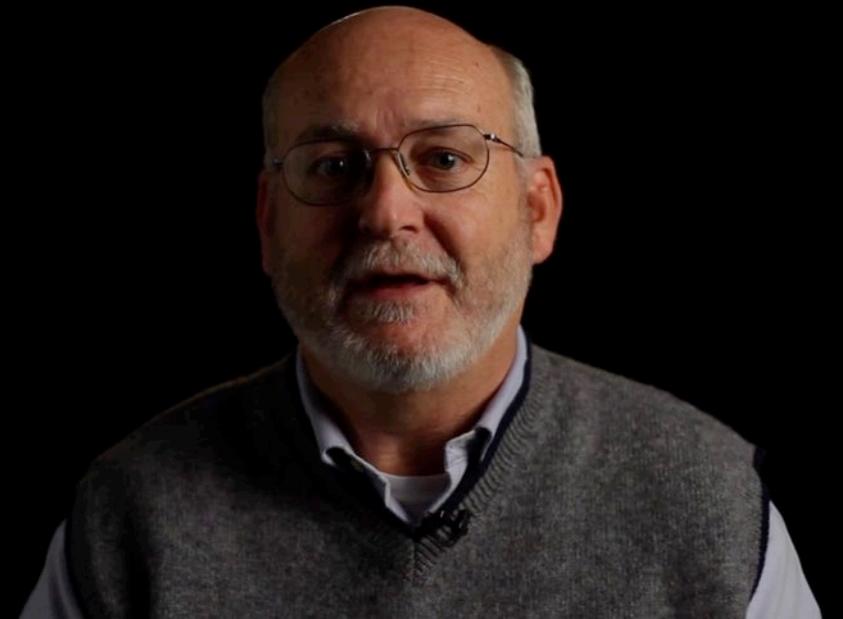
Matt. 4:4



Mission 119

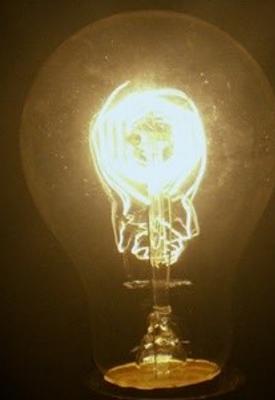
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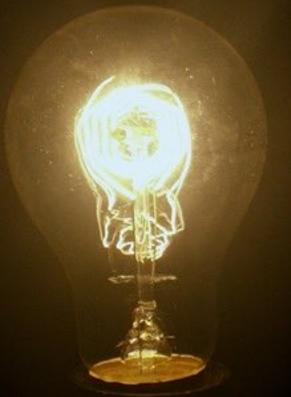


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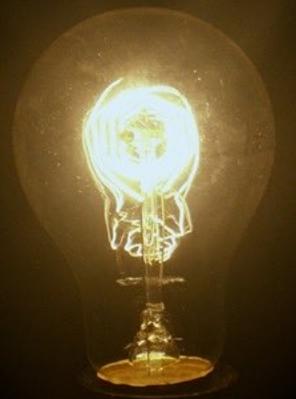
Fathers:

The Mature never sway from the greatness and the grandeur of knowing Christ.



“What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ .”

Phil. 3:8



Fathers:

The Mature intentionally seek to help to develop the faith of those who are following them.



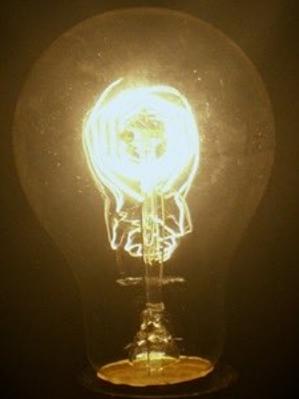
I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

3 John 1:4



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