

2Co 4:6-11 ESV For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," ***has shone in our hearts*** to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 7 But ***we have this treasure in jars of clay***, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. 8 We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; 10 always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, ***so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies***. 11 For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, ***so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh***.

If you turned yourself inside out, what would we see?

- Many of us would not want to be turned inside out for fear of what others might see and think of us
- But what if instead we recognized the reality of 2 Cor 4 - we have a treasure in an earthen vessel?
- But we don't want that treasure to stay there -- We want the Life of Jesus manifested in our bodies

What did the life of Jesus look like? Doing good, healing those oppressed, God was with Him

Act 10:38 ESV how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. ***He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil***, for God was with him.

Don't hide what God has placed in you - there is a LIGHT - don't hide it - Do Good Works

- Mat 5:14-16 ESV "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may ***see your good works*** and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Be kind for He is kind, be merciful for He is merciful

- Luk 6:33-36 ESV And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. 35 But ***love your enemies***, and ***do good***, and ***lend, expecting nothing in return***, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, ***for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil***. 36 Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

Pray for those who are sick

- Act 4:9 ESV if we are being examined today concerning ***a good deed done to a crippled man***, by what means this man has been healed,

Summary

1. Read the life of Jesus (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) and see his goodness
2. You have a treasure inside...what will you do with it?
3. Let the life of Jesus be manifest in your life
4. As you go about - do good, and pray for the sick - it is a good deed
5. Ask God for opportunities to do good...to your neighbor, your enemy, the poor
6. Be kind to the ungrateful and the evil - Because HE IS and HE lives in us