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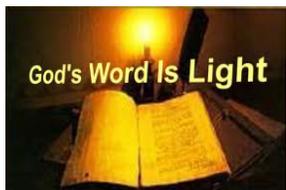
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Getting Used to the Dark

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I went to the movies recently. It was the first time in a long time that I'd been. I'm not about to spend my hard-earned money to see filth portrayed as the ideal. But there was a children's movie playing, so I took my kids and enjoyed it.

As I entered the theater, it was dark and I could hardly see. I moved slowly down the aisle and found a row where a seat was empty - or so I thought! After sitting in someone else's lap for a split second, I hurriedly fumbled on down the row to an empty seat. Talk about dark!

But something happened to the darkness in that theater. After I had been in the blackness a short period, I began to get accustomed to it. Why, I could even make out which seats were empty. It wasn't long

before that theater didn't seem too dark at all. I could find my way around without a bit of trouble.

Something like this has happened in our society, our culture. The darkness seems so dark at first, but if you sit in it long enough, you get the impression that it isn't so dark after all. Time was when sin was called sin, when you could tell the good from the bad, but that time is slowly disappearing. We have sat in the darkness until we've gotten used to it, even gotten the false impression that new light is breaking.

Alcoholism carries no moral overtones today. It has a new name - addiction. An alcoholic now is a sick person, not a sinful one. We used to call alcoholism sin, but now it's a disease, a disease that manufacture, bottle, advertise, sell, regulate, and collect taxes on. Are we getting used to the darkness?

In the sixties, adultery got a new name - free love. And it has many advocates, both in and out of the Church. It isn't sin anymore; it's the

result of situational ethics. A movie star or rock idol can have a baby out of wedlock one week and gain the admiration of millions the next. Are we getting used to the darkness?

Murder will get you a hung jury and sometimes three years in prison at the most. And if you can afford the right lawyer, you can go scot-free. We are a little more "civilized" than our forefathers. We believe in being lenient. The darkness is getting brighter now.

Strange, isn't it, that we don't get used to the darkness all at once. We have to sit in it a while. Then it doesn't look dark anymore. Slowly, little by little, we get used to it.

But the Light of the World is still in the world, and people who love good and hate evil are still attracted to Him. And, strange as it may seem, people who love evil still hate the Light. For you see, when the Light comes they have no place to hide.

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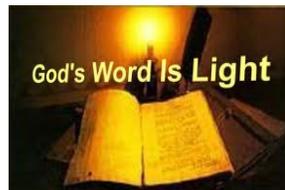
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Don Wildmon to Speak at ADA Summer Event

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Donald E. Wildmon, from my perspective, is the leading cultural warrior in America. Some of you know that Don was almost taken out of this world nearly two years ago with a serious case of encephalitis. However, characteristic of Don, he did not give up or give in.

Don's voice is as needed today as ever before. We are blessed that he accepted our invitation and will be our featured speaker at ADA's July 27 summer event.

What makes this man so special? Let me count just a couple of the many ways.

Don Wildmon has been recognized as one of the great Christian leaders in our generation.

As he would often mention when he was explaining his calling, he said, "I was called to the pulpit ministry." He served in that capacity for a fair number of years. But he became deeply burdened about what was being broadcast over American airwaves. God laid upon him a burden for this country and, back in 1978, called him to begin the great work of the American Family Association.

His passionate burden and calling could not be fenced in. God began to use Don's voice of outrage over ungodliness on the airwaves to extrude him into forming a very humble ministry and then little by little becoming one of the leading Christian influences of salt and light in America. God used Don's resilient faith to keep him more focused than perhaps any Christian leader in our generation.

I was moved and shaped by many of his words in the early years of receiving the AFA Journal.

The following quote was

taken from what was then the NFD Journal, January 1986. He was seeing then what so many weren't noticing at that time, but now 25 years later see so very clearly. Read it and weep.

"... I am under no illusion about whether the Church of Jesus Christ will continue should we lose the battle for decency. Of course it will continue. It is of God and will continue until the end of time. However, I am practical enough to realize the tremendous hurt and suffering which society will endure should we lose the fight. And right now we are losing that battle, losing by default.

Next to leading people into a saving relationship with Christ, I am thoroughly convinced that the battle for decency is the most important battle we currently face in our society. The battle is not against dirty words and dirty pictures, but against religions which seek to make man God -- humanism, hedonism, secularism and materialism. Indeed it is a struggle for the very foundation of Western civilization."

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