

1 John 1:6

If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

The light exposes the darkness. But if the church is walking in darkness (like the world does) no wonder the world cannot see the darkness that they are in, because there is no true light to expose their darkness.

Doesn't make sense? Let's say I had a business selling cars. I would advertise how I have all these awesome, white and red and blue and green and purple and yellow cars through TV advertising, the internet, by word of mouth, and face to face with people. But when anyone would come to my car lot, all they would see is black cars. Why would anyone want to buy what I am selling (Cars of various colors) if what I told them did not match what I was selling.

Yeah, I wanted to buy a nice shiny red car, and Steve said that he has all kinds of them at his car lot, but when I got there, there were only black cars. It wasn't what he said it was.

Yet how many times do people talk about how awesome being a Christian is, and how ***we say that we have fellowship with Him***, and invite them to church or to come to Jesus, yet what you tell them (*lie*), and the way you live (***walk in darkness***) do not match your description of a Christian? (***and do not practice the truth***)

That's what John is talking about in today's verse: ***If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.***

Yeah, me and Jesus are close, and I have a close relationship with Him, and that's what you need to do to be saved. Now, you may tell others this, but all they really see is you at the movies watching an "R" rated movie full of sex and nudity and profanity and demons.

Or maybe they see what you are looking at on your computer, tablet or phone, which is totally ungodly stuff.

They hear your music you are pumping in your car or at home and it sings of partying, sexual innuendos, profanity, and drinking.

They see and hear the way you treat and talk to your spouse or kids or others, belittling them and abusing them verbally. Or your constant gossiping about others.

They listen to the dirty jokes you tell, or they hear profanity coming out of your mouth.

So, if you really have this close relationship with Jesus, why are you exposing Him to these things? *Yeah, me and Jesus are watching that "R" rated movie together, full of nudity and sex*

and using His name as a curse word while eating popcorn, that's what they see, not the Christian lifestyle you tell them about.

Me and my wife have a close relationship, and when we start to watch a movie or tv show and either one of us see or hear that it starts having profanity, selling same sex relationship, misusing the name of Jesus and God as curse words, or any other sinful act, we change the channel or turn it off, because we don't want to be exposed to that, and do not want each other to be exposed to it, and we know Jesus is with us and do not want that to be a part of our relationship with Him.

So, maybe the reason your friends, family members, coworkers, neighbors etc... are not accepting your invitation to come to church or turn to Jesus, is because you are trying to offer them the light (Jesus) but your life is full of darkness (living like the world, ***lie and do not practice the truth***).

Stop trying to tell them about your body covered with the red blood of Jesus, when all they see is the blackness in your life.

† ***Ephesians 5:8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light***

† ***John 8:12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."***