Radiant People Collection

Radiant Strength, RPC6

Ephesians 6:10-11 (Fresh Start Bible, Pg 1046)

Radiant People are aware of the devil and his schemes.

<u>The adversary -</u> He slanders God's character causing us to not obey God's commands. (Ephesians 2:1-3)

<u>Schemes of the devil:</u> Lies that play to our disordered desires which are normalized in a sinful society.

Ephesians 4:18-19

John 8:44 (Fresh Start Bible, Pg 928)

1 Peter 5:8-9 (Fresh Start Bible, Pg 1102)

Radiant People are strong in the Lord.

- (1) The Lord gives us strength for the battle.
- (2) The Lord gives us authority for the battle.
- (3) The Lord gives us assistance for the battle.

PRACTICING THE WAY

As disciples of Jesus, we know our allegiance to Him as King is expressed in our daily practice. We are not pursuing perfection, but want to practice our faith each day. These practices will point you toward spiritual formation as an apprentice (disciple) to Jesus.

Start the Fresh Start Pathway with a friend.

Recite the Radiant Liturgy each morning:

We are the radiant people of God. We are consumed with the preeminence, purity, and beauty of the holy God who was before the beginning. He provided Redemption for us, making a way into a relationship that produces unimaginable renewal in our lives, and eventually, the world itself. So we gather to encounter His presence and be transformed into the radiant people of God. We are His apprentices and ambassadors. We are full of joy and peace and love. We are the people of God in full pursuit of the person of Jesus, the power of His presence, and actively walking in the pathway of His teachings. We long to see Him create renewal in the place we live. We are passionate about Jesus. We are radiant.

Talk it Over (with friends, a spouse, or connect group)

- Read Ephesians 6:10-12. What do you notice within this passage?
- Sunday's message was about becoming strong in the Lord. Did anything in the message stand out to you or stir a question within you?
- Do a word search in your bible or the Bible App with the word "satan" or "devil." Read aloud some of the verses you find.
- Read 1 Peter 5:8-9. What are these verses saying to you? Why should we be aware of the schemes of the adversary?
- God wants to give us His strength. There were three specifics about the strength of the Lord in the message. Discuss them in your group. How do each of them help us remain strong?
- Read Ephesians 1. What do you notice about this passage?