

GOSPEL LIGHT VS. 'GOSPEL-LITE': OVERCOMING SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS

2 Cor 4:1-7

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Effective gospel messengers don't confuse themselves with what's truly compelling

Fivefold call to evangelize through gospel-empowered qualities that overcome the witness wobbles:

THE WOBBLE OF LOSING HEART — "I CAN'T DO THIS ANYMORE"

#1 KEEP GOING: THE GOSPEL PROVIDES US WITH STEADFAST COURAGE TO NOT GIVE UP (4:1)

Strength to press on comes not from looking inward, but *upward* | Remember who your call is from & is about

THE WOBBLE OF GETTING TRICKY — "THE MESSAGE NEEDS A LITTLE HELP"

#2 BE REAL: THE GOSPEL DEMANDS A SERIOUS COMMITMENT TO NOT PLAY GAMES (2A)

Genuine love *refuses* to manipulate or scheme | Resolve yourself to evangelize with honesty

THE WOBBLE OF HOLDING BACK — "I DON'T WANT TO OFFEND ANYONE"

#3 TELL IT STRAIGHT: THE GOSPEL RESTS ON SINCERE KINDNESS TO NOT DILUTE THE TRUTH (2B)

Bold clarity is *more kind* than a veneer of polite niceties | Make efforts to actually share the gospel in plain words

THE WOBBLE OF STRIVING IN THE FLESH — "IT'S ON ME TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN"

#4 EXPECT TO NEED GOD: THE GOSPEL REQUIRES SUPERNATURAL CLARITY TO NOT FALL FLAT (3-4)

Divine intervention is our *only hope* | Realize what you're up against & cry out for God's help

THE WOBBLE OF ECLIPSING THE POINT — "MY WEAKNESS WILL MESS THIS UP"

#5 STAY ON MESSAGE: THE GOSPEL TAKES A SIMPLE CONVICTION TO NOT GET IN THE WAY (5-7)

Your weakness is *not a flaw, it's a feature* | Let Jesus be the only hero & refuse attention belonging to him