

# HOW TO WALK IN THE DARK

## Part 2

I Peter  
1:13-18



## Let's Review

Spiritual metaphor of darkness and light (see John 8:12 and Ephesians 8:14)

You have been hand-chosen by God (vv. 1-2)

God has given you a living hope (v. 3)

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You have an incorruptible inheritance in heaven  
(vv. 4-5)

Your suffering is temporary (vv. 6-9)

You have what the prophets predicted and the  
angels ponder (vv. 10-12)

How do you punch holes in the darkness—live for Christ in a dark world?

I. Prepare Your Mind: Think

Gird the loins of your mind—think clearly

Modern term would be to roll up your sleeves

Be sober—think clearly, be morally decisive

Studies show that our subconscious minds  
govern our actions

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Proverbs 23:7

“For as he thinks in his heart, so is he”

If you walk in the darkness in your mind, you walk in the darkness in real life

A Christian should set his or her hope on the coming of Jesus Christ—think hopefully

## II. Shape Your Conduct: Act

Say no to the old paths, you say yes to your Father, and that shapes your conduct

## III. Focus Your Will

Jesus is a resident in your life, not a tourist; He wants the key to every room

## C.S. Lewis

"How little people know who think holiness is dull. When one meets the real thing, it is irresistible. Even if 10 percent of the world's population had it, would not the whole world be converted before the year's end?"

Part of our Christian growth is to remove the dark spots and replace them with holiness

# CONVICTION

Thomas Carlyle

Conviction is worthless unless it is converted  
into conduct

Jerry bridges-The Pursuit of Holiness

The Holy Spirit makes us aware of our lack of holiness to stimulate us to deeper yearning and striving for holiness. But Satan will attempt to use the Holy Spirit's work to discourage us



# CONVICTION

Billy Graham

The very ones whose social pressure cause you to compromise will despise you for it

They probably respect your convictions, and many of them wish they had the moral stamina to stand alone.

# CONVICTION

Charles Stanley

The convictions we live by.

You tube

Message given on March 19, 2016

“A conviction is a personal belief that you hold based on the Truth of God’s Word.”

## Focus Your Will: Choose

Convictions = firmly held beliefs

Be holy because God says so in the Bible

Signature phrase of Billy Graham:

"The Bible says"

God's judgment is the light at the end of the  
tunnel

## Focus Your Will: Choose

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### 1 Corinthians 4:5

"Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in the darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each one will receive his praise from God." That day is coming.

## Summary of Today's Message

If you want to punch holes in the darkness, think clearly, live holy, and choose decisively  
You will be the most enlightened person in the  
bunch