

"How Is The Gold Become Dim! How is the Most Fine Gold changed! The stones of the Sanctuary are poured out in the top of every street." Lamentations 4:1 KJV



Gold! The most precious metal on earth is prized for its malleability and luster. It does not corrode or tarnish. It can be used to cover and beautify the most common of objects. Scripture likens our Faith to gold. *"The trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold."* It takes the comely and makes it lovely. Christ instructs the Laodiceans *"I Counsel thee to buy of Me Gold tried in the Fire, that thou mayest be rich; and White Raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with Eyesalve, that thou mayest see."* What do you use for currency with God? *"Without Faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe That He Is, and That He Is A Rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."* Our Faith is God's Gift. *"Faith Cometh by hearing...the Word of God...and that not of yourselves, it is the GIFT of God."* Our Faith is the Gold of Heaven. It Purchases Robes of Christ's Righteousness to Cover us instead of the *"filthy rags"* of our own good deeds. We can proudly display the Bread of Life once we've covered our comeliness with the Gold of Heaven. Sadly, some believers' Gold has started to lose its luster in this day and age of paganism. They seem to have adopted the philosophies of political correctness when it comes to evangelizing. They have to be careful or they might offend someone's sensibilities with the Gospel. Would we feel the same way if they were about to plunge to their death over a precipice? Would we worry about their feelings, or would we yell a warning? *"Political correctness"* is, at best, an oxymoron. That's like saying, *"truthful lies."* When has politics in general ever been correct about anything? I think you get my point. There is a story about a golden "swimmer" who kept diving into the misty river to warn the "floaters" of the deadly falls towards which they were floating. Some believed him and got out of the river, and some didn't. Those who got out were suddenly covered with gleaming gold and started diving back in to warn the "floaters," because from the high banks they could see the falls in the sunlight. Some complained that the swimmers looked funny and should mind their own business, and leave people alone, but the swimmers doggedly kept warning the floaters as they slowly drifted towards their doom. Like the swimmers, we should doggedly pursue the unbelievers with the hope that some may actually believe us, and leave the lazy river of death for the Shores of Heaven. We need to constantly scan for them as they drift past to warn them of their inevitable demise. We must convince them to come ashore. Should we see someone making an honest effort to leave the lukewarmness of sin, we should immediately give them aid. We should stand on the shore reflecting the Son light of Truth into the mists that hover above the river of doom. Has our Gold become so dim or worn so thin that it no longer reflects the Son Light?

Polished gold reflects the gleam,
Of the candle's golden beam,
From its glow the darkness flees,
Its light the gloom of night relieves. –CGP

Does your life reflect the Light of Truth to the darkness around you? Are those lost in darkness finding their way because of the Light you reflect? How is the Gold in your life?

"Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your Light so Shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father Which Is In Heaven." Matthew 5:15-16 KJV