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'Smooth words may hide a wicked heart, just as a pretty glaze covers a clay pot. People may cover their hatred with pleasant words, but they're deceiving you. They pretend to be kind, but don't believe them. Their hearts are full of many evils.'

Proverbs 26:23-25

The deception we face every day is that nice is also supposed to be good.

It is taken for granted by many that nice people couldn't possibly cause us any harm.

In the way of the world, pretence is covered with nice, but underneath is not very good.

The devil is the master of the counterfeit good life; he wants to appear as an angel of light in the lives of people who walk in his darkness.

A nice friendly serpent suggested to Eve that God was holding something back from her and Adam. So, nice pleasant Eve also enticed

naive gullible irresponsible Adam to share in her deception.

Since then, every conceivable corruption of decent human behaviour has its deceiving nice component for those who refuse to obey God.

The nice person of the world has their roots in the world and the fruit of their life will be the deceptions of the deceiver and the imitation of God's good life.

However appealing their proposal may appear, nice is not to be confused with right. Nice masquerades as right, but the measure of right is Christ.

Nice is often a cover up for what turns out to be really nasty.

According to the way of deception, being nice is now another way of being in the right.

However, nice is not to be confused with right.

The deception of being nice is that the devil's counterfeit nice is also supposed to be good.

The word of God is the only true way to know what is right so we can have happiness and peace.

The pretender of nice may have an extensive knowledge of the word of God, but they are unable to live out the word as the life of Christ.

The pretender of nice cannot produce the good life because the life of the living word is not in them.

Nice pretenders may be able to have a great discussion about theology and the things of God, but there will be no evidence of its realty bearing fruitfulness to the glory of God in a life of sacrificial service for Christ.

Nice people would have us accept that people in general are basically nice and therefore good.

Nice people would say that keeping the peace with others is more important than rocking the boat by standing on principles.

Nice people may attend church but lack a life of service for the building up of the people of God to be His mature representatives who imitate His life.

Nice people think they are going to heaven.

Nice people often say, "how could there possibly be any problem with this person, they are nice enough."

The deceptively nice person will promised to be true until their real life comes to the surface.

Nice people promise to be faithful but get around to getting into someone else's bed.

The nice person of the world has their heart fixed on getting what they want without God.

Nice people believe success is possible without involving God in their lives.

The nice person thinks that happiness is getting what they desire from things and others.

The nice gentle man of the world pursues his beloved, but when he has gained his objective, his hidden abusive attitude may quickly come to the surface.

Nice people insist that all love is the same, since God is love; so we are God's if we love.

Nice people say it is acceptable for men to have physical love for other men, and women for women.

Nice men present themselves as caring and considerate people who want minors to enjoy the flowering of the awakening sexual desires to be guided by their gentle hands.

Nice people say the truth can only be determined by the individual as they understand it from their own point of view.

Nice people in the church say it is only reasonable that everyone can make up their

minds about how they are to understand the word of God.

Nice people say we need to tolerate the views of others by accepting them as equals in society and in the church.

Nice people in our churches say they believe in Jesus, but have no real burning desire to obey all that He commanded us to do as His Disciples.

Nice people in the church say God wouldn't want us to suffer, so the growth that naturally comes from struggling against the sinful nature and adversity cannot bring them to maturity in Christ.

Nice people in the church say because we live under grace we don't have to be too concerned with obeying Jesus Christ in all things, because He will always forgive us.

Nice people say God is not too concerned with our spiritual growth so we can decide when to get serious about following Christ.

Nice people get agitated when the truth is made clear to them, and quickly charge the speaker with being nasty.

Nice people claim to be tolerant but are intolerant of those who disagree with them.

Nice people in the church say God wouldn't want us to suffer hard times and difficult trials, but Jesus says we will suffer tribulation.

Nice politicians want us to trust them to have our best interest at heart as they represent us in government.

But nice politics is about the compromise of opposing ideas; it's not about finding out what the truth is and doing it.

Nice people go home and abuse their spouse through degrading words or physical force because they want to have things their way.

Nice people who are admired by the world abandon their spouse to chase another. Nice people can also leave their husband or wife to pursue their personal careers.

Nice people will even terminate a pregnancy because the new life in them is inconvenient.

Nice people who work in our old people's homes abuse venerable patients because they have become an inconvenience to them.

Nice people often abuse others who fail to keep the road rules according to their liking.

Nice parents teach their children to be bullies by the way they angrily condemn and criticise others as they watch television news or shows.

Nice children attending school can quickly turn to abuse other children as they act out what they have learnt from their parents in the home.

Nice children have the bad attitudes they learn at home strengthened by what the way they see others are behaving in our society.

Nice people say they accept others point of view but they get angry with those who will not agree with their views about life.

Those who are nice hide their self centred private life from examination.

Nice pretenders are hardly ever truly sorry for behaving badly.

Nice pretenders never see the need to ask for forgiveness when they have hurt others.

There are nice people who do humanitarian work but don't know God or care about His commandments.

A lot of nice people serve the community, but will not choose to be Disciples of Christ.

Nice people can be like the church at Sardis, they have the appearance of being alive, but inside they are dead.

Nice people are often two faced and double minded. One face is for appearances to hide their real motive. They say one thing and do another.

God loves these so called nice people so much He sent His only Son to die for their sins, so

that whoever believes in Him would have eternal life. Even then they would not come to the light of the Son; as they preferred the darkness because their deeds were far from God.

Therefore, a lot of nice people won't be entering the kingdom of God.

Nice people will not listen to God's judgment. *"This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil."*

John 3:19

"For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather."

Matt 24:28

'But what I am doing I will continue to do, so that I may cut off opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be regarded just as we are in the matter about which they are boasting. For such men are false apostles,

deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.'

2 Cor 11:12-14

Behind all exterior appearances, we either serve God or we are assisting the great deceiver of the world who is God's enemy.

If we want to be truly nice, we must deny ourselves and follow Jesus Christ, who is the only way to God, and the only way we can know the truth about life in a world of darkness shrouded in nice.

The truly nice person is joined to Christ

The truly nice person is able to be nice because they have died to self interest and the world of pretence in order to receive a new life in Christ.

The real nice person has been born again by God to live the life of Christ. The truly nice person has their roots in Christ, so the fruit of His Spirit will bring a good harvest in Christ.

The truly nice person knows the fruit of their life will be the sweet life of Christ as they abide in Him.

The real nice person seeks all they want and need from God they know as their Father.

The real nice person is born of God's goodness; there is no pretence so that nice disappears when they don't get their own way.

So the real nice person can remain faithful in all their relationships.

The nice life is God's doing because God gives the ability to obey to all who surrender in obedience to Him.

The truly nice person can do what God wants when they follow His leading by staying true to the work of God in Christ who lives in them.

The real nice person has God's purpose at heart, with God's Spirit supplying His passion to obey all His commands.

As a result the real nice person loves God with all their heart and strength.

The real nice person loves their neighbour as themselves.

The naturally nice person will treat others as they would be treated by others.

The real good person doesn't wear camouflage; their true life is clearly seen on the surface all the time.

Truly good people who have Christ's life are naturally nice because they can't help themselves to be any other way.

The real nice person isn't perfect all the time, but they consistently endeavour to imitate Christ all the time.

If the real nice person falls short of the life of Christ who lives in them, they confess it quickly and return to live their new life of faithfulness to God.

The real nice person can love their enemy and prays for them.

The real nice person can refuse to be angry and forgive, and keep on forgiving.

The really nice person will be generous with all they have, and will be wise in their giving.

The really good teacher of God of the word of God won't add to it, or take away from it.

The really good man of God doesn't neglect any part of God's word.

The nice worker for Christ will not misrepresent His word in order to justify attitudes of the worldly society.

The really good follower of Christ will want to quickly carry out what they are taught from God's word.

The genuinely nice person knows God is working in them to will and to do for His good pleasure.

The really nice person has a deep desire to be with others who share the life of Jesus Christ.

The truly good person has a passionate need to serve those who are in Christ.

The nice person is truly a good person every day and wants to please God all the time, with now days off for good behaviour.

The real nice person no longer has their identity chained to the world.

The real nice person has their identity secured in Christ.

The real nice person looks forward to life with Christ in His heaven.

The genuinely nice person will be truly remorseful if they have hurt someone, and seek reconciliation quickly.

True Niceness comes from being in a Covenant relationship with Jesus Christ

The followers of Christ live by the New Covenant Jesus put in place when He made it

possible for man to be reconciled with God by His sacrifice on a cross.

This Covenant is not founded on emotional experiences, but is based on the love of commitment and loyalty as demonstrated by the obedience of Christ in going to the cross.

The covenant person no longer lives for themselves; they live for Christ who purchased them with His blood. So it is impossible for someone to be truly nice without surrendering their life to Christ.

This covenant life means a willingness to follow Christ's example by laying down our lives as a living sacrifice for our God and the service of others.

This covenant life follows the example of Christ, who became the servant of all in doing for mankind what mankind needed in order to know God as Father.

This covenant with Christ was sealed by the giving of the Holy Spirit Who lives in the

obedient believer and enables them to do what He commanded.

The covenant followers of Christ are to reflect the intimate union of Christ with God, because they are also included in this united life through Christ's sacrifice.

An important part of belonging to the New Covenant means all God's promises are for those who have committed themselves to keeping all Christ's commands, so they are blessed as they are joined together in His love.

The covenant life is a life shared with Christ and all other believers. There is no possibility of having a separate or private part in this New Covenant. The unity of life lived together face to face with God is all there is in Christ.

It is not possible to claim the privileges of the covenant without obedience to its commands.

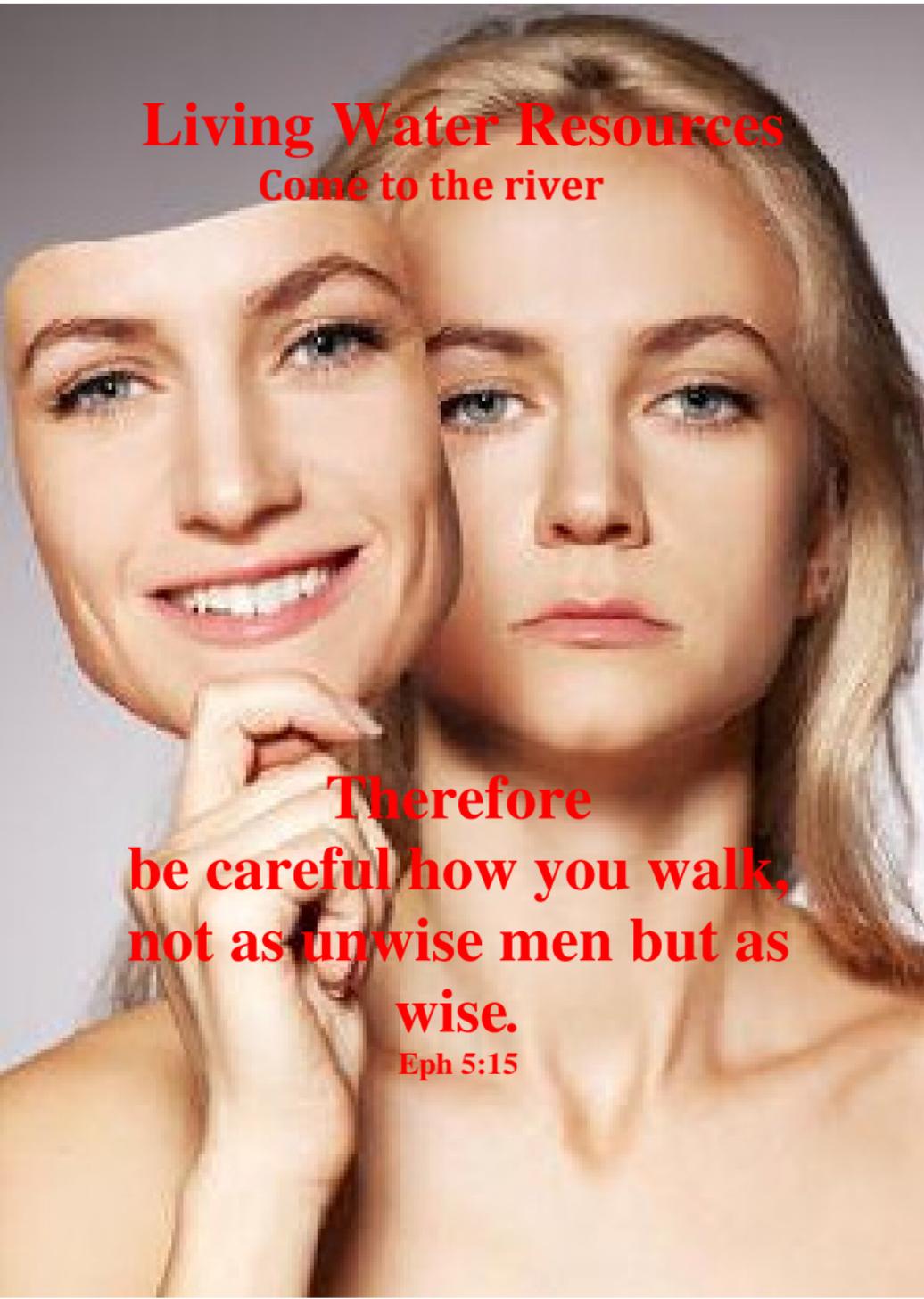
There are many today who want to claim membership of the covenant, believing they

are part of the Church, but they completely neglect living according to its conditions by denying themselves and taking up their cross to follow Christ's example. Luke 9:23

'By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.' 1 John 2:3-6

Are you really nice because Christ is in you, or is it just a cover up for doing your own thing as an agent of the great deceiver?

'Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise.' John 5:15



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