

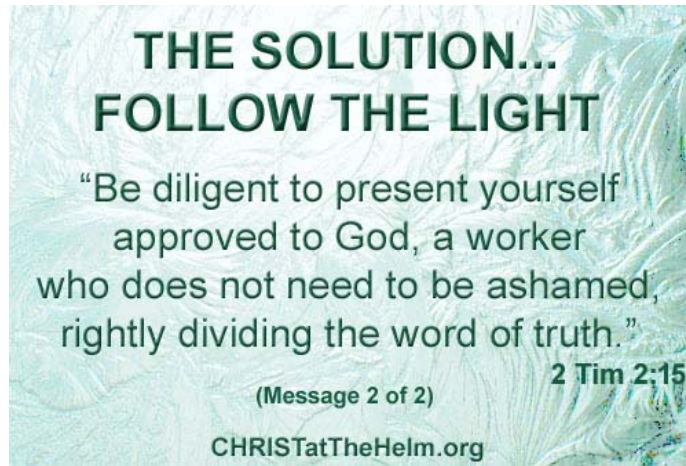
The god of this age, as referred to in the featured scripture, represents all false religions and philosophies that are in complete opposition to the Word of God. It caters to the flesh, the reason Paul said in 2 Cor 11:14, “No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.”

It is as if people are blinded into believing the world’s philosophies and tendencies to seek to gratify themselves, without any notion of God in the equation. As a result this world is blind to God’s Word, and people are easily lead into deception by spiritually blind deceivers whose only god is their pride and flesh.

Paul clarified this state of blindness this way: “But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.” In essence, unless the Spirit of Christ dwells in us, the wisdom of God and knowledge of right and wrong becomes non existent, the reason people are easily blinded by evil leaders who only seek prideful outcomes. In other words, it is the blind leading the blind.

This life isn’t simply a series of events, but rather must be lived through choices. Will we choose the light of Christ, or the blindness of the world?

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The best solution to adopt, so we aren't blinded by the world's pride and empty promises, is to equip ourselves with God's Light to face their deceptions.

Jesus, in John 8:12 clearly said; "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." In Luke 4:18, Jesus echoed the prophesy about Him by the prophet Isaiah: "The Spirit of the LORD *is* upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to *the* poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to *the* captives and recovery of sight to *the* blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed."

Paul tagged along in 2Cor 4:6, "For God, who said, 'Light shall shine out of darkness,' is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ." In other words, Christ is the light that leads us to an eternal life in God's glory, and as a result, His Word is our only guide to ensure we aren't blinded by a lost world.

Crowning this, Psalm 146:8 says, "The LORD opens *the eyes of* the blind; the LORD raises those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous." Are we carrying and protected by God's Light in our hearts in this dark world?

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