

Wednesday Word Multi-Faceted

Facet: Origin: Early 17th century: from French *facette*, diminutive of *face* 'face, side' (see *face*).

Definitions:

- *One side of something many-sided, especially of a cut gem
- *A particular aspect or feature of something

Multi-: Origin: From Latin *multus* 'much, many'.

When we put it all together **multi-faceted** means 'many faces'.

Hmmmm...what could this word mean for us...

A multi-faceted gem absorbs and reflects light in different ways depending on how it is turned in the light. The key is that the gem has to be in the light.

I am not a "girlie girl" but I have always loved shiny things. I love shiny things because I like the way they sparkle and project a rainbow on whatever surface I can find. It's awesome. (Go ahead and try it if you never have. Take any type of light colored glassy object and let a light source pass through it. See how the colors reflect off it.)

We ourselves have many faces but not always as we should. With the gems, the faces where the light does not shine through do not reflect or project light. Some of our faces (or parts of our character) do not show the Light of the Lord because we have not allowed the Lord by His Spirit to touch those places.

Think about it. Some of us are embarrassed about certain characteristics we have. We may even be ashamed of them to the point that we do not want anyone to know about them nor do we talk about them with the Lord. Sometimes we have a hard time believing these characteristics exist within us.

I used to think I had to act different than who I am when I was at church (it's one of the reasons I stayed away from church for so long). While it is true that there are certain worldly behaviors that cannot and will not be tolerated in most public places including the church, it does not mean that we have to stifle who God made us to be. Let me clarify. Part of my personality is goofy, funny, and fun-loving. I love to run around and crack jokes and dance around sometimes. I can also be bold and loud when the situation warrants it. I am extremely sensitive to people's hurts but also opinionated and may seem harsh in some of my opinions.

When I started to come to church I thought that I had to be stiff, not dance, and not joke around with anyone. I thought that my opinions had no place with people I talked to from church. The Lord has corrected this in me. He wants us to be joyful and not stifled. He calls us to be transparent in our needs and our thoughts. This does not mean we go around to everyone we see and spill everything that needs fixing in us. God gives us the wisdom to whom He wants to speak into our lives.

Let me try to tie this all together. We are made in the image of God who is our Father. He has many characteristics and attributes which means He made us the same way. We are multi-faceted but every part of us is to absorb and reflect the Light that is Jesus Christ. We are treasures to God Almighty. Those parts of us that do not have the Light need to be turned so they can have the Light. Show who you are; be who you are;

allow Holy Spirit into every part of you so that every part can be turned and reflect the Light onto whatever surface the Lord points you too.

Bible Verses:

- **Ephesians 5:8-14** - For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), 10 finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. 13 But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. 14 Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light."
- **2 Corinthians 4:1-2,6-11** - Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. 2 But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God...6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. 8 We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— 10 always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. 11 For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.
- **Matthew 5:14-16** - "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=fccqaKTz3Ko>

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