

Going Bright

I'm amazed at how technology progresses! I remember getting into the computer business in the Silicon Valley back in 1988 and working for a company that assembled and sold computers to Value Added Resellers (VAR's) across the country. We called them "clones" back in those days. They were expensive, bulky, and slow. We sold them with two basic options for memory. You could order a system with the standard 20 megabyte hard drive or you could upgrade to a whopping 40 megabyte version! Of course, that wouldn't even hold one of our programs today!

As technology progressed, some things got smaller and others got larger. For instance, hard drives went from 5 ¼ inches wide to 3 ½ and monitors went from 12 inches to 14! My how times have changed!

Then came the invention of flash technology. Flash enabled a great deal more memory to be stored in a much smaller package. It really was a revolutionary invention and we enjoy the fruits of it today with our tiny USB drives of which several could fit in our pocket, each one holding 1000's of times the memory that was possible in 1988 and all for a fraction of the price! These little drives are practically a dime a dozen today, thanks to the free market and you, like me, probably have a few of them lying around your home.

Not long ago, I was sitting at the kitchen table with our nine year old and I needed to access a particular file which was on one of those little flash drives. I grabbed the drive off a nearby bookcase and plugged it into the USB port on the side of the laptop. Of course, when I did, it did what flash drives do when you plug them in...it lit up. When my son saw this, he proclaimed with excitement, "Daddy, my teacher at school has one of those, except when it goes bright, it's purple!" I thought, well that's about the cutest way of explaining that...going bright...and it made me think of us as Christians.

We're a lot like those little flash drives. We're wired to give off light to the world around us. We're built to shine the light of truth and hope into the darkness and despondency that's resulted from sin. To do that, though, just like that little flash drive that has to be plugged in, we must be plugged in to the Lord Jesus. In **John 15:5** Jesus maintains, "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing."

Are you going bright in your life today? If not, maybe it's because you've lost your connection? Maybe you're not plugged into your Lord through reading and obeying His word? Maybe you're not worshipping with His people? Maybe you're not confessing sin? Plug in today and go bright for the glory of God!