

“Let Your Light Shine”
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Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works...

There are lots of man-made lights: There are traffic lights, street lights, lights on police cars (so, red, white, and blue lights), there are lights that run on batteries, but there is one light that shines forever and ever.

1. Light Source: Who is the Light Source?

The Word of God tells us in many places that say Who the light source is. Here are a few examples: (lighting first candle) The Word said that God was the light of men, women, boys, and girls (no gender):

John 1:1-14 ...In Him was life, and the life was the light of men...

God became flesh and dwelt among us as a light. Jesus Himself also spoke, saying, “I am the light of the world.”

John 8:12 ...I am the light of the world...

God has shined in our hearts to give us the light of knowledge. People around will know that Jesus is shining through us and that we have the light of the knowledge of God. People are hungry and they are looking for the truth like we once were searching for the truth!

2 Corinthians 4:6 For God...hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge...

2. We are Lit Up!

(lighting the second candle) How do we get this light to shine? Jesus was our example of being baptized. The Scripture states:

Matthew 3:13 “...the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him.”

When we got baptized, we were followers of God.

Ephesians 5:1-10 ...but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of Light...

But now are ye light in the Lord!! We are lit up by God! Now we shine for others to see. Why? because we are children of the light! He gave us a new start. We should share that with people. Talk to people, get involved.

Psalms 119:105 Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Sometimes our walk can be rough, or we can be having a bad day and things are not going our way. We know that God is there. This seems to be the best time to be a bright light for others to see. People are always watching; they are looking for the real McCoy! The Word of God is a light unto my feet. It's much better than the E*TRADE Green Light showing the way. If you stumble and fall, get back up. Be that bright light going through the toughest time.

3. Shine For Others

(Set the mirror on the table...we are the reflection of God) The mirror represents the world; people see the light of God shining from within to without. The light of God is drawing them to the light, just like we were drawn to the light! Ye shine as lights in the world. Be consistent every day. Be faithful to God. Shine for others. The world is fed up with religious people.

Philippians 2:12-15 ...among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

Jesus wants us to stand out from the crowd and shine as lights in the world. You should be in harmony with the church leadership. Be mindful of the reflection in the mirror. The world watches us, just as they watched Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and Daniel. Our God is bigger than numbers.

Matthew 5:14-16 **Ye are the light of the world...**

Family, friends, co-workers, customers... All those people that we come in contact with see the light in our lives. Why? God has put us on a hill to shine! When I was young, we would be traveling back to home, and we could see the city lights long before we could see the city itself... Your testimony cannot be hid. God will use us in a mighty way. Be that light; be that testimony. God's going to use us.

Let us continue to be the Light for Jesus in everything we do, everywhere we go.