

Starlight, Star bright

Matthew 5:14-16

Star light, star bright,
 The first star I see tonight;
 I wish I may, I wish I might, Have the wish I wish tonight

1. The person you are...v14

You are... The same word used in John 1:4-9 of Jesus. Jesus said (John 9:5,) "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." Some have said this is the greatest compliment ever paid to a follower of Christ. The Jews spoke of themselves as the 'light to the Gentiles.' They also knew that no one lit their own light! So, if Jews were a light to the Gentiles, it was God who lit Jerusalem for them.

The light...not just a light...**the light**, not just for a room, but for the entire world.

The world is in darkness, headed to outer darkness, away from God. You are their only hope!

The purpose of light:

1. It clearly illumines. John 8:12 "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

2. It faithfully guides... Word of God...problem today is too many are thinking that the church needs to line up with the culture, rather than to guide the culture.

3. It lovingly warns... danger of darkness, as it illumines it reveals the potholes before one is blindsided by them.

4. It obnoxiously arouses... get up, move away, make changes, get going. Wake up.

Evening on Florida coast, multiple times coming in, guided by the lights of the port Eddystone lighthouse: 'to give light is to save life.'

2. The presence you have...14

A city on a hill...illustration in Galilee, possibly He was referring to one of the little villages around Mt Arbel, valley of the doves...

In the *City of God*, Augustine speaks about two cities: the city of man and the City of God.

These two cities are very different. The city of man consists of heathen people, who live according to their passions. On the other hand, the City of God is made up of believers, who live according to the law of God. Here's the rub: Though we live in a secular world, as believers, we are more drawn by the secular than we are to the holy... **we transpose our secular principles to try and make them spiritual.**

The church will never have the presence in our culture as long as we are trying to act and conform to secular principles...

We must be different. The difference is what makes the difference!

We are to personally and corporately shine, as individuals and a church... we are a collection of

lights... ***There is to be no secret discipleship! Your Christianity should be visible to others!***

Woodrow Wilson, "Where there is fire, thither will men carry their lights to be lighted."

2 Cor 3:18 "And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is Spirit."

The Church is to shine...stand out in a dark world, not blend in!

3. The pressure you face...15

There is inner conflict at work here...Not wanting to be in the spotlight, noticed, observed, don't want to be a public example, beacon...inner battle to hide what who we are, don't tell others what we are doing...

A city at night is not to be hidden...

A candle in a house is not to be covered...

'Let your light shine'...how do you do that? You do what God is telling you to do daily, moment by moment, event by event...The power within? Listen to His voice, follow His unction...let Him guide you to mow that lawn, pay that bill for another, forgive that debt, give to someone else graciously when you haven't be so blessed personally, use encouraging/visioning words to someone, put that arm God gave you around someone's neck rather than across your chest, give...give...give.

!!! Don't worry about the credit...if God thinks you need the applause, He will provide it. Don't manipulate your stage in order to milk the applause. Or play the part of the martyr because you are not noticed...As long as you are focused on how you feel people are thinking about you, you are not on the right path....Just be who you are...LIGHT

4. The purpose you serve...16

"See your good works" 2 diff words for good, (agathos- good in quality; **kalos- good in quality but is also beautiful/attractive, winsome, with no hardness**)

Your life service is to be seen by others...you don't have to avoid it, but you best not hide it...Don't be conscious of your goodness, just do good things...why?

So they will glorify the Father in heaven. You give God glory when others recognize your acts of service and motivation to do so, is coming from the Father.

Do you know church...Slides of what we have done as a church...

When we hide our good works, we rob people of seeing God work; we rob Him of the glory He alone deserves!

So, what are you doing right now to shine and be light?

Illustration of staff member, \$100 bill given by someone last week in church, 'You are to have this...I'm supposed to give it to you.' "You know I'm going to give it away..."

Took their family to lunch, deciding, 'I'll eat and whatever is left over, I will give the waiter the balance.' The bill never came...someone from our church saw them there and paid for their

lunch...so...they gave the entire \$100 bill to the waiter, who was blown away, saying, "This is too awesome, I can't keep this to myself, I've got to share this others!"

What does Love, the love of God do....Give!!! So, go give your light away...shine with your physical energy, your written word, your verbal affirmation...and yes, with all your financial resources.

"You can't give something away, you don't have!" If you aren't on fire, alive with the light of Jesus Himself, you can't give it away."

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"Soul On Fire"

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I'm running for Your heart
Till I am a soul on fire
Lord, I'm longing for Your ways
I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire
Till I am a soul on fire
[x2]

Lord, restore the joy I had
I have wandered, bring me back
In this darkness, lead me through
Until all I see is You

God, I'm running for Your heart
I'm running for Your heart
Till I am a soul on fire
Lord, I'm longing for Your ways
I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire
Till I am a soul on fire

Lord, let me burn for You again
Let me return to You again
And Lord, let me burn for You again
And let me return to You again

God, I'm running for Your heart
I'm running for Your heart
Till I am a soul on fire

Lord, I'm longing for Your ways
 I'm waiting for the day
 When I am a soul on fire

God, I'm running for Your heart
 I'm running for Your heart
 Till I am a soul on fire
 I wanna be
 Till I am a soul on fire
 Till I am a soul on fire

Matthew 5:14

“Ye” G5210 uJmei√β su/ personal pronoun second
 nominative plural
 “are” G2075 e`ste ei`mi÷ verb present indicative
 second person plural
 “the light” G5457 fw◇β fw◇β common noun
 nominative neuter singular
 “of the world” G2889 ko/smou ko/smoβ common noun
 genitive masculine singular
 “A city” G4172 po/liβ po/liβ common noun
 nominative feminine singular
 “that is set” G2749 keime÷nh kei√mai verb
 present middle participle nominative feminine singular
 “on” G1883 e`paζnw e`paζnw improper preposition
 “an hill” G3735 o;rouβ o;roβ common noun
 genitive neuter singular
 “be hid” G2928 krubhvnai kru/ptw verb second
 aorist passive infinitive

Matthew 5:15

“Neither” G3761 oujde« oujde÷ coordinating
 conjunction
 “do men light” G2545 kai÷ousi kai÷w verb

present active indicative third person plural

“a candle” G3088 lu/cnon lu/cnoβ common noun

accusative masculine singular

“and” G2532 kai« kai÷ coordinating

conjunction

“put” G5087 tiqe÷asin ti÷qhmi verb present active

indicative third person plural

“it” G0846 aujto\n aujto/β personal pronoun third

accusative masculine singular

“under” G5259 uJpo\ uJpo/ preposition

“a bushel” G3426 mo/dion mo/dioβ common noun

accusative masculine singular

“but” G0235 aóllΔ aóllaζ coordinating conjunction

“on” G1909 e`pi« e`pi÷ preposition

“a candlestick” G3087 lucni÷an lucni÷a common

noun accusative feminine singular

“and” G2532 kai« kai÷ coordinating

conjunction

“it giveth light” G2989 laζmpei laζmpw verb present

active indicative third person singular

“unto all” G3956 paδsi paδβ adjective dative

masculine plural

“that are in” G1722 e`n e`n preposition

“the house” G3614 oi`ki÷a^ oi`ki÷a common

noun dative feminine singular

Matthew 5:16

“Let your” G5216 uJmwδn su/ personal pronoun second
genitive plural

“light” G5457 fwδβ fwδβ common noun

nominative neuter singular

“so” G3779 ouçtw ouçtwβ adverb

“shine” G2989 lamyaztw laζmpw verb aorist

active imperative third person singular

“before” G1715 eἴμπροσθεν eἴμπροσθεν improper preposition

“men” G0444 ἀνδρῶν ἀνδρῶν common noun genitive masculine plural

“that” G3704 ὅτι ὅτι subordinating conjunction

“they may see” G1492 ἵδωσιν οὐραῶν verb second aorist active subjunctive third person plural

“your” G5216 ὑμῶν σου/ personal pronoun second genitive plural

“good” G2570 καλά καλοῖς adjective accusative neuter plural

“works” G2041 ἔργα ἔργον common noun accusative neuter plural

“and” G2532 καί καί coordinating conjunction

“glorify” G1392 δοξάσωσι δοξαῶν verb aorist active subjunctive third person plural

“your” G5216 ὑμῶν σου/ personal pronoun second genitive plural

“Father” G3962 πατέρα πατρός common noun accusative masculine singular

“which” G3588 τὸ οὗ definite article nominative neuter singular

“is in” G1722 ἐν ἐν preposition

“heaven” G3772 οὐρανοῖς οὐρανόθεν common noun dative masculine plural