

## LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

### Scripture

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

— *Matthew 5:14–16 (NIV)*

Jesus did not say *try* to be the light—He said **you are the light of the world**. This is not a command to perform; it is a declaration of identity. When Christ lives in you, His light lives in you. Shining is not something you strive to do—it is something you are meant to release.

Light only matters where darkness exists. And Jesus’ words assume the world is dark—confused, broken, fearful, and separated from God. In that darkness, God places His people as living lamps. Your presence, your words, and your actions are meant to push back the shadows.

The answer to darkness is not louder arguments or harsher judgment—it is light. Light always wins. You do not overcome darkness by fighting it; you overcome it by shining.

### 1. Light Presupposes Darkness

Jesus’ statement reveals a reality: the world is spiritually dark. Confusion, sin, despair, and hopelessness surround us. Yet God’s response is not withdrawal—it is illumination. He sends His people into dark places carrying His light.

### 2. What Happens in Darkness

In darkness, people stumble. They lose direction. Fear grows. Darkness represents deception and separation from God. The world doesn’t just *benefit* from light—it desperately needs it. And God’s chosen vessel for that light is you.

### 3. How Do We Overcome Darkness?

Not by matching it—but by shining. Light does not struggle to win; it simply shows up. Darkness cannot withstand true light. When you live out your faith authentically, darkness loses its grip.

### 4. You Are the Light

Not *will be*. Not *might be*. **You are.**

Your light shows through integrity, kindness, courage, compassion, and truth. Wherever you go, you carry the presence of Christ—and that presence changes environments.

### **5. Our Purpose Is to Shine for Others**

Light is never meant to be hidden. Faith was never meant to be private. Your life is already communicating something—whether intentionally or not. Jesus calls us to live visibly so others can find their way to the Father.

### **6. Light Equals Good Works**

Jesus defines light through action. Good deeds reveal God’s heart. When we love the unlovable, serve without recognition, and show grace under pressure, our light becomes undeniable.

### **7. The Goal of the Light: God’s Glory**

Our shining is not about attention or applause. The goal is worship. When people see your life, they should be drawn not to you—but to God.

### **8. What Bowls Are Covering Your Light?**

Jesus warned that light can be hidden. Some common “bowls” include:

- **Fear** — worrying about opinions
- **Inconsistency** — faith on Sunday, compromise during the week
- **Prejudice** — loving selectively instead of like Christ
- **Double-mindedness** — wavering between God and the world

It’s time to uncover the light. The world is waiting.

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### **Reflection**

What kind of light are you shining today?

Is it hidden under fear, or glowing with purpose?

Ask the Lord to remove anything that’s covering your light so His glory can be clearly seen through you.

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## **Prayer**

Father, thank You for calling me the light of the world. Help me not to hide what You have placed in me. Remove fear, compromise, and anything that dims Your light in my life. Let my good works reflect Your goodness, so others may glorify You. In Jesus' name, Amen.