

Let Your Light Shine

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“Neither do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on the stand; and it shineth unto all that are in the house.”

Jesus made that observation just after saying, *“Ye are the light of the world.”* And then, *“A city set on a hill cannot be hid”* (Matthew 5:15, 14).

Christian, the question is not simply, “Does your light shine?” But also, “To whom does your light shine?”

Do others know that you are a Christian? Do they know whose servant you are? And do they know it by the things you say and by the things you do? And even by the things you refrain from saying and doing? Do they know it because you have tried to make Christians of them? Or have you, through fear, through shame, through timidity, or through the wrong priorities been putting what light you have, or what light you are supposed to have, under a bushel?

Christian, salt of the earth, light of the world, let your light shine in the home, in the neighborhood, in the school or college, in the shop, or plant, or office, on the beach or lake, in the camp or park. Let it shine as a husband or a wife, as a father or a mother, as a son or a daughter. In fact, *“Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven”* (Matthew 5:16).

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