

ARE YOU LETTING YOUR LIGHT SHINE?

Matthew 5:14-16

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1. Every Christian has a big assignment from God.

A. You are the light of the world.

Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12

...for you were formerly darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light. Ephesians 5:8

B. You are to shine in the darkness.

...to shine upon those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. Luke 1:79

2. Every Christian has a clear command from God.

A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do men light a lamp, and put it under the peck-measure, but on the lampstand; and it gives light to all who are in the house. Matthew 5:14-15

A. You are not to hide your light.

*And after these things Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, **but a secret one, for fear of the Jews**, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus. John 19:38*

1. We do it because of fear.

2. We do it because of sin and selfishness.

B. You are to display your light.

3. Every Christian has a responsibility to point to God.

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A. It is all about letting your light shine.

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. John 15:5

B. It is all about His glory.

Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 6:1

What do people see when they see you?