

Matthew 5:14-16 (NASB) "You are the light of the world. 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 lamp-stand; and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

**First: Christ is the TRUE light.**

John 8:12 (NIV) "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 1: 4 & 9 (NIV) "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men... There was the true light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man."

A. **We are the MOON to His SUN**

Matthew 5:14 (NASB) "You are the light of the world."

Genesis 1:16 (NASB) "God made the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night."

**Second: You are light in this DARK WORLD.**

This world is shrouded in the deepest, depraved, degraded darkness that you can imagine.

A. **This is a SPIRITUAL darkness**

John 3:19 (NASB) "And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their deeds were evil."

1 Corinthians 2: 14 (NASB) "A natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised."

B. **We are the light in the MIDST of that darkness.**

Philippians 2:15 (NASB) "... Prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among who you appear as lights in the world."

Ephesians 5:8 (NASB) "For you were formerly darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light."

**Third: We ought to DO what light DOES**

A. **Light REVEALS**

B. **Light PROMOTES life**

C. **Light WARMS**

D. **Light HEALS**

E. **Light ENERGIZES**

F. **Light AWAKENS**

## The necessity of turning up the light.

### Fourth: You must let your light **SHINE**.

Matthew 5:16 (NASB) "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

- A. Light must be **VISIBLE**.
- B. Light must be **EFFECTIVE**.
  - 1. In the **WORLD**
  - 2. At **HOME**

Fifth: Your light must not be **HIDDEN**.

Mark 7:24b (NASB) "When He, (Jesus) entered a house, He wanted no one to know of it; yet He could not escape notice."

Question: How do we hide the light under a peck-measure?

- 1. We hide under a peck-measure of **COWARDICE**.

Roman 8:15 (NASB) "For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

- 2. We hide under a peck-measure of **APATHY**.
- 3. We hide under a peck-measure of **SILENCE**.
- 4. We hide under a peck-measure of **INCONSISTENCY**.

Application:

How can you shine more and more in your world?

Are you continuing to expose yourself to the true light that you might shine more brightly?

How effectively are you:

- Abiding in Christ
- Praying in Faith
- Living in the Word
- Fellowshiping with Believers
- Witnessing to the World

When people observe your life how much of Jesus do they see?

What has God revealed to you through this message?

What one thing will you do to accommodate His Truth in your life this week?

Memory Verse: Philippians 2:15 (NASB) "Prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among who you appear as lights in the world."