

You Are The Light!

Matthew 5:14-16

Welcome back and here we go! I would like to start on a serious note.

1) _____ is being _____!

I believe we just saw the conclusion of the Psalm 83 war. With it, God delivered Israel with a strong army. It is amazing that Israel just defeated seven armies/countries/enemies.

Next in the prophetic timeline is Israel living in peace, on all borders. This has NEVER happened. We are in an accelerated time of prophecy fulfillment.

I expect an expansion of the Abraham Accords to come that will include Syria, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and even the Palestinians. When this happens, the clock will be set.

OK, let's start the message.

Matthew 5:14-16 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.
¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

2) _____ are the _____ of the world!

No pressure there! If you know me, you have heard me say....

3) _____ the light ----- not _____!

I am not saying they can't be a light too. No, I am saying whether they are or not, you NEED to be. I don't know why we are surprised, angry, hurt, etc..... when people do not measure up to our spiritual expectations.

Trust me, I fail often. But I still have to get up and keep going. So even in our mistakes, we can be a light. We do that by being honest, not blaming or excusing, but accepting our responsibility.

So what does our light do for others? There are a couple things:

4) Our light will _____!

Ephesians 5:8-14 ⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), ¹⁰ finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. ¹¹ And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. ¹³ But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. ¹⁴ Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light."

Have you ever had people stop cursing because you were around? ...Or not tell a story or even apologize for behavior because you are there? If not, I would check your light to make sure you are not reflecting the world.

I don't act much different than others, but my love for God and dedication to service ----- allows my light to shine bright. Hopefully, I don't have a *dingy* tent.

That's why Jesus says "*Let your light so shine...*".

5) You are the _____!

Not them.

- Do you complain about certain people?
- Do others' behaviors drive you crazy?
- Are you disappointed?
- Do you want to stay away?

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6) Go ahead _____ your _____.

That is what Jesus is talking about. You are among a lost people. Why can't you be the example?

Romans 12:9-21

It starts with "**Let love be without hypocrisy...**" The hypocrisy is that we will not do these things because we have judged people to be undeserving!

"Let your light so shine before men."



Think of where you can do better. Make a decision to do that. Lock in one person or place where you can do better.

Now let's pray with intention and try to be this:

Philippians 2:14-15 ¹⁴ ***Do all things without complaining and disputing*** ¹⁵ ***that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,***

Philippians 3:17-19 ¹⁷ ***Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.*** ¹⁸ ***For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:*** ¹⁹ ***whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things.***

Philippians 4:9 ⁹ ***The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.***

Let's pray.