

LET IT SHINE
Matthew 5:16

I pray that the blessings of God increase more and more to the readers of this letter. Jesus told us in His Word that we are the light of the world. One type of light we are is a guiding light. We are to guide those who are lost to the true light and that light is Jesus Christ. We must witness to those who do not know Christ for themselves. A lot of people really believe they know Christ but only know of Him. We can hear our parents and grandparent talk about Jesus and mistakenly think we know Him. We can even go to church and hear the preacher preach about Him but never enter into our own relationship with Him. So before we can be the light of the world we have to make sure the light is shining in us. Let us not prevent it from shining through us. One of the best ways to being a guiding light is by living a joyful and Godly life. Being joyful and being Godly goes hand in hand. Joy is part of the fruit of the Spirit and the joy of the Lord is our strength. If we're not excited about the promises of God we might want to do a faith check. Let us tap into the richness and fullness of God so that our lights will shine brighter. Let's say that someone is walking in darkness and through the works of darkness they do something that's offense toward us. That's an opportunity for us to operate in love and let the light that's in us shine over the darkness that's in them. When someone's living in darkness that's a wonderful time for us to shine bright so they can see the power of God. Letting our lights shine is more than providing people with their physical needs. Although this is good and important let us not mistaken it for the totality of letting our light shine. We can let our light shine by speaking kind words. Even to those who might not necessarily deserve it. There's so much power in our words. We can light up a whole room with just our words. How wonderful it would be if the saints of God would utilize this power more. We are like lamps as long as we're plugged in, we can shine bright. As soon as we're unplugged from our power source then we are unable to do what we were created to do. Just like there are multiple parts to a lamp and several things take place before it shines, so is it with our Christian walk. We must continue to increase our faith. We must continue to pray. We must continue to read and study the Word of God. We must continue to fellowship and apply the Word of God to our lives. God is constantly looking for someone who He can shine through. Christ said "Let your light shine..." so we must allow it. The choice is ours. There are people in our communities and our families who need to see our light shine so they can have hope in Christ. So as they song say let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. I pray this has been a blessing to you.

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