

# Responsible to Shine the Light

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Matthew 5:14 *You are the light of the world*  
John 1:5 *The Light shines in the darkness,*  
John 8:12 *I am the light of the world, he who*  
Acts 1:8 *You shall receive power when the Holy*  
Ephesians 5:8 *You were once darkness, but now*

**1** The worsening spiritual darkness in the world today compels us to shine the light of God's Truth continually by our ways, words, desires, decisions, actions, and attitudes toward everyone.

**2** Our belief in God should *not* be camouflaged but clearly *seen* and *heard* by the way we speak and live.

**3** NKJV 1 Peter 3:15 *"Always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you."*

**4** If anyone wants to know, we should be ready to explain *why* we decided as we did, or *why* we live as we do.

**5** We should not force our beliefs on anyone, of course, but if we are asked why we decided as we did on some matter, we should not conceal our faith in God but explain to them the reasoning behind our decision.

**6** NKJV Matthew 5:13 *"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned?"*

**7** We are to act, talk, dress, and treat people differently than the world does. If our faith is hidden, we would not be light and salt.

**8** 14 *"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."*

**9** Our purpose on earth is to bring glory to God—so if others *see* us or *hear* us acting and speaking in a Christlike manner, we are being a *light* for Jesus in a dark world.

**10** How we conduct ourselves and interact with others can send a powerful message.

**11** If we are employed, the light of God's Truth is visible when we do our work as if working for the Lord.

**12** God's plan is seen when we are *content* with our pay; When we do *not complain* about conditions; When we are the *peacemaker* during games; and when we show *respect* toward others.

**13** All the above are *fruits of the Spirit* that shines a light of God's Truth somewhere or on someone.

**14** It is our responsibility *in this world* to be a positive influence *on the world*—showing *kindness*; giving a *smile*; bringing *peace* to conflict; and showing *patience*.

**15** All are spiritual fruits of righteous living—Galatians 5:22.

**16** Every *life* in this world will *affect* the world in some way—be it good or bad. No life can come into this world without affecting it in some way.

**17** Everyone will be an influence in a right way or a wrong way simply because they *lived* in the world. Our influence can be *light* to shine and *salt* to season—let us not *camouflage* that light.

**18** If our attitudes and thoughts are scriptural, we will not *reflect* the world but will *influence* the world. The world desperately needs *salt* because

it is *corrupt*, and it really needs *light* because it is *dark spiritually*.

**19** As the End Times approach, we will see NIV Matthew 24:12 *"the increase of wickedness [iniquity shall abound AV, and], the love of most will grow cold."*

**20** We must do *our* part and shed light on someone's path—we are *responsible* to *do* that; it is our *calling* from God.

**21** It begins with a desire and a prayer—then the Holy Spirit empowers us to talk in a way that is helpful to our listeners.

**22** Our friends will *benefit* by our being with them. We can bring peace when playing sports; help them make scriptural choices in entertainment; the selection of music, books, or magazines. We should encourage our friends to decide in a way that brings glory to God.

**23** The Sermon on the Mount Jesus gave Matthew 5, 6, and 7 sets a high standard of scriptural living—and it would be impossible to carry thru with the Lord's instructions without the Holy Spirit to enable us to follow those instructions.

**24** Most people are only impressed by what they see, but the Holy Spirit can be seen only by *how we conduct* our life. The Holy Spirit of God is the divine Power needed to live by faith in God.

**25** When we are willing to *learn*, the Holy Spirit is ready to *teach*—and He will bring big changes in our attitude.

**26** Jesus told His disciples before ascending NKJV Acts 1:8 *"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

**27** Wherever we go and whatever we do, the Holy Spirit is present to help us shine the light of Truth the world really needs to see. Jesus said He would give us His Spirit to be *with* us and *in* us at *all times*.

**28** When we live by faith, the Spirit of God is *seen* by how we *live*; how we *speak*; and always by our *attitudes* toward people.

**29** A flashlight is little help at noon, but it is a brilliant beam in the dark. As the world plunges further into spiritual darkness—the spiritual light of the believer becomes a powerful beam of God’s Truth. We are *responsible* to shine it!

**30** WEY **John 1:4** “*In Him was Life, and that Life was the **Light** of men. 5 The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overpowered it.*”

**31** Jesus is in Heaven, so the light of His Truth must shine *from us* on earth! NKJV **John 8:12** “*I am the light of the world,*” Jesus said.

**32** Light is visible if it is not hidden, so the light of God’s Truth shines through *our* words; *our* conduct; *our* choices in reading material; the clothes we wear; the sports we play; and the entertainment we choose—all can give a statement of a godly life.

**33** Our reading material should not have worldly themes or objectionable words; our music should praise the Lord; our clothes should be for *cover* and *comfort*; entertainment is to be within God’s will; and sports for exercise and enjoyment—not to compete from *pride*.

**34** After God has enlightened us to His Truth, we must never go *back* to the darkness of the world.

**35** Our *walk* proves our *words*—AV **1 John 1:6** “*If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth.*”

**36** The Sermon on the Mount was easy to understand, but impossible to practice unless the Holy Spirit empowers us follow those instructions—Jesus is NKJV **John 1:9** “*the true **Light** which gives light to every man.*”

**37** Spiritual darkness is world-wide—it seems only a *few* out of *billions* have any desire to

live the plan of the Bible. Satan has blinded the majority.

**38** NKJV **2 Corinthians 3:15** “*Even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. 16 Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.*”

**39** Darkness is everywhere, but we can be a *positive* influence on our friends when we obey the words of Jesus. Our words and choices influence those with us.

**40** The theme of films, news articles, and online videos is often about *human* ability or *natural* talent—God is left out of the picture.

**41** Sports and screen personalities demand huge salaries and are idolized by millions for the greed they express and the self-glorification they seek—it is all opposite to God’s *humble* plan for the Christian life of faith in Him.

**42** The self-centeredness, immorality, and unbridled greed in today’s world will all end in the worst fate imaginable.

**43** We are *called* to *shine* a *light* in a dark world—while keeping separate *from* its influence.

**44** Unfortunately, more people are influenced *by the world* than the world is influenced *by them*.

**45** As individual believers and a church congregation, we are to be *light and salt* in a very dark world.

**46** One ray of light illumines a small space, but a flood lamp of many believers can shine on a wide expanse of people.

**47** NKJV **Ephesians 5:8** “*You were **once** darkness, but **now** you are **light** in the Lord. Walk as children of light.*”

**48** We are *responsible* to reflect the light of Christ—we must not camouflage His Truth—let it be easily *seen*, and *heard*, and *noticed* by those near us; at work, in school, or at home.

**49** Singing Christian music while we work or walk gives a message that we are a believer in Christ.

**50** We will not be an influence *on* the world if we allow the world to influence *us*. We cannot shed *light* on the world if we go back to the *darkness* of the world.

**51** By His work on the cross, Jesus *changed* our attitude to be one that gives *light* to all who fellowship with us.

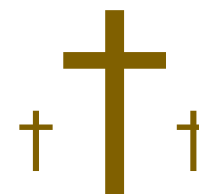
**52** The price Jesus paid for our life was too high to waste the influence we *could* have on the world. We are *responsible* to God, and we should be a *light* for Him.

**53** The Lord AV **Colossians 1:13** “*hath delivered us **from** the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.*”

**54** We are *responsible* to be a light on someone’s path, and to be salt that prevents corruption.

**55** We are *responsible* to shine the Light of God’s Truth until He returns for His church!

**56** Jesus is depending on us to take that responsibility *seriously*, so we can make a *difference* in the world—just because we were here!



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