

“Let the Light Shine”

Matt. 5:13-16

- I. We teach this lesson to our children (“*This Little Light of Mine*”), but adults need to understand its importance as well.
- II. We are not given this responsibility as a suggestion, but rather a command (Matt. 5:16).
- III. Let us see how we can let the light shine in different ways.
 - A. We can let the light shine on the world.
 - B. We can let the light shine to the world.
 - C. We can let the light shine in the world.

Discussion

- I. We can let the light shine on the world.
 - A. Notice Ephesians 5:1-12.
 1. There are other times that the word is used
 - a. Luke 3:19
 - b. First Timothy 5:20
 - c. Titus 1:9, 13
 - d. Revelation 3:19
 - B. Compare that to John 3:16-21.
 2. We are lovers of, walkers in, and those that desire the light (1 John 1:6-10; Rom. 1:28-32).
 - C. It is not only right to shine the light, it is necessary.
 1. Identifying that which is wrong is not wrong (Isa. 5:20; John 7:24)!
 2. We are not being ugly and hateful for letting the light shine on the world.
 - II. We can let the light shine to the world.
 - A. We bring a message of hope and joy.
 - B. When we teach the saving power of the Gospel, we letting light shine to the world (Rom. 1:16).
 - C. We can be the examples of how to live that others can see (1 Pet. 2:12; Phil. 4:9).
 - III. We can let the light shine in the world.
 - A. Remind ourselves of Ephesians 5:6-11.
 - B. We were once in darkness, and we need to remember that as we teach others (Eph. 2:1; John 3:17; 1:9).
 - C. It is sad, but no matter how greatly we let the light shine in the world, most individuals will choose darkness over light.

Conclusion

- I. It is important to understand our roles as light.
- II. It is necessary to let the light shine on, to and in the world.
- III. How bright is our light?