



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE "The Call to Shine" Matthew 5:1-16

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When Jesus took His disciples on a retreat into the hills near Galilee, He told them about the blessings, privileges, and responsibilities of being members of the "kingdom of heaven."

What He said is very important to modern day disciples including:

I. Appreciating Your Calling: "You Are the Light of the World."

A. A disciple's identity: "you are..."

1. The eight ideal characteristics of kingdom people. vv. 3-10
2. The eight privileges of kingdom-dwellers.

B. The disciple's calling.

1. "Salt of the earth" (v. 13): a corrective influence, arresting corruption.
2. "Light of the world" (v. 14): a positive influence, giving direction.
3. "Good deeds" that are clearly visible. v. 16

C. The disciple's uniqueness.

1. Jesus: "While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." John 9:5
2. Disciples: "You are the light of the world."

II. Eliminating Your Negatives: "Don't Put It Under a Bowl."

A. Beware of "salt that loses its saltiness." v. 13

1. Profession that loses its pungency.
2. Calling that loses credibility.

B. Avoid placing your light "under a bowl."

1. Obscuring your testimony with inconsistency.
2. Hiding your true status behind a clutter of irrelevance.

III. Accentuating Your Positives: "Put It on Its Stand."

A. Be concerned to give the most possible light.

B. Look for the opportunity to shine the furthest.

C. Find the candlestick to fit your candle.

Point to Ponder: I'm called to be a point of light with batteries included!