



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE "The Light that Shines" Matthew 5:1-16

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Modern day disciples, who take seriously their calling to be "the light of the world," need answers to the questions: "How precisely is this to be done?" and "What will be the result?" Some factors they should consider are:

I. Producing Kingdom Living.

- A. Being conscious of the call to shine "before men." v. 16
 - 1. Having been blessed.
 - 2. Having the desire to be a blessing.
- B. Being concerned about the impact of lifestyle.
 - 1. The calm assurance of kingdom membership. vv. 3, 10
 - 2. The deep peace of being comforted. v. 4
 - 3. The steady confidence of future hope. v. 5
 - 4. The quiet satisfaction of righteousness. v. 6
 - 5. The rich insight of genuine spirituality. v. 8
- C. Being conscientious in the use of time, energy, and resources—"good deeds."
 - 1. Good deeds of mercy. v. 7
 - 2. Good deeds of peacemaking. v. 9

II. Promoting Kingdom Values (vs. Secular Standards).

- A. "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself." 16:24
- B. "Whoever wants to be great...must be your servant." 20:26
- C. "It is more blessed to give than receive." Acts 20:35

III. Proclaiming Kingdom Blessings.

- A. People need to "see" the good deeds...
- B. But the Father in Heaven is to be glorified.
- C. Only with articulation of the belief behind the action.

IV. Propagating Kingdom Growth.

- A. "This gospel of the Kingdom will be preached in the whole world..." 24:14
- B. This world needs it. The church's task is before it.
- C. Who will do it? How will it be done? What role do I play as one little light?
- D. How effectively am I illuminating my sphere and articulating my faith?