

Bright Lights in a Dark World



Matthew 5:14-16 (NKJV)

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.

¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

I. WHO?

“You are the light of the world.”

II. HOW?

1. Let it shine by doing good.

2. Don't hide it.

Matthew 10:32-33 (NKJV)

³² "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.

³³ But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

III. WHY?

1. People are looking for the light.

2. To glorify God

¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

3. We will lose the light we have.

Revelation 2:4-5 (NKJV)

⁴ Nevertheless I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love.

⁵ Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place--unless you repent.

1 John 2:15-16 (NKJV)

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

¹⁶ For all that *is* in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world.

1 Peter 2:9 (NKJV)

⁹ But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

So men may glorify your Father.

What am I doing that others are glorifying the Father?

What am I doing for people who are in darkness to bring them to Christ?