



is your light on?

In today's world, it seems like darkness is ever-increasing. In such a dark climate, light should be even more visible. Jesus has called each of us to be the light of the world. If the world is dark around us, we must ask: is my light on?

Matthew 5:13-16

- You can only have your light on if you have the Word hidden in your heart. There is a purpose for us being the light: so others will praise the Father. In a world that is getting darker, it is all the more important for us to be the light. Light conquers darkness. If it is dark around us, we must ask ourselves: is my light on?
- Are we treating our light like a switch, turning it on and off to fit our circumstances? We turn things off when we think we don't need them or when they have served their current purpose. Sometimes we put our lights under a basket because of: the situation we're in or the people we're around. Too often as believers, we allow our situation to dictate whether our light is on or off. Even when we don't feel like it, God has called us to be the light.
- Sometimes we decide certain people don't deserve to see the light in us because of what they've done. But we must love our enemies and our neighbors. Jesus called us to be the light knowing the world is filled with difficult trials. Put the situation in God's hands so that you can still be the light. Being a light while you're going through is a witness in itself.
- Being a light manifests itself in different ways. Sometimes you don't even have to say a word, because the Word is hidden in your heart. Our light should be as a fire, lighting those around us, too.

Mark 4:21

- Jesus wants our light to be seen from everywhere. Are there moments in our lives that cause our lights to automatically shut off? Those are the things that the enemy will consistently use against you—don't let him!

Matthew 6:22-23

- If we think our light is on but it is actually off, there is greater darkness inside us. What we look at is a direct reflection of the light inside us. Is what we're taking in allowing us to reflect more light or more darkness?

Philippians 2:12-18

- It may not always be the perfect time for you to be a light. But the challenge is to still be the light, even then. We want God to see that our light remains consistent despite our circumstances. When your light is low, go link up with other lights to charge you up. The world cannot recharge you—only God can.

John 8:12

- We get the light by following Jesus—by being connected to the Source. That is how we can become the light of the world, helping others to connect to Jesus, too. The more we get others to become the light, the world becomes a less dark place. Let us make sure as believers that our world is not one of those dark places.
- Being the light is not a complicated equation. Be who God called you to be! Be nice to people; be caring; smile at people. God may use you in the simplest way.