

Love Does: Shine Your Light

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You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they set it on a lampstand, and it gives light to everyone in the house... Matt 5:14-15

How you live your life in the small things you do is sending a message to those around you

- Jesus did good by teaching, healing, feeding, and comforting people His whole lifestyle was His message

- the small things you do everyday is your message to others

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8

- People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care

- Love Does – by practicing out loud the small things we say we believe

3 Points – Let your light shine in small ways

1 - As the light of the world – Shine in the darkness

Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they set it on a lampstand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

- We're told not to hide our light but to put it on display for everyone to see

- The opportunity is to shine your light in all the wrong places

Light is the most effective in dark places – it's the sick who need a doctor, not the healthy

Only God know the effect of your light on someone in darkness

2 - As the light of the world – Shine by serving others

But among you (followers) it will be different. Whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant. Mark 10:43

- Jesus was talking about a lifestyle where you live to help others

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- Being a light isn't something you force yourself to do – it becomes a part of who you are

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- You're never too important or too busy to be good to someone

3 - As the light of the world – Shine by encouraging others

We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up.

Rom 15:1-2

Being the light of the world means you build people up by encouraging them

Do you disregard the riches of His kindness, tolerance, and patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you to repentance?

Rom 2:4

- We're not called the light of the world to draw out the worst in people to judge them harshly
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- Jesus never look at His followers for what they didn't have, but what they could become
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- Every person needs the light of encouragement to keep going
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- Every one of us should be someone else's number one fan