

## LET'S BE THE LIGHT FOR OTHERS

### THE LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS - Part 3 of 4

*The way of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, which shines ever brighter until the full light of day. Prov. 4:18 (NLT)*

### WHY WE MUST BE A LIGHT FOR OTHERS

#### 1. BECAUSE ONLY \_\_\_\_\_

*Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.*

John 14:19-20

*You are all people who belong to the light and to the day. We do not belong to the night or to darkness.*

1 Thes. 5:5 (NCV)

*You are the world's light—a city on a hill, glowing in the night for all to see.*

Matt. 5:14 (LB)

#### 2. BECAUSE GOD \_\_\_\_\_

*God once said, "Let the light shine out of the darkness!" This is the same God who made his light shine in our hearts .*

2 Cor. 4:6 (NCV)

*Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.*

Matt. 5:16

### HOW CAN I BE A LIGHT FOR OTHERS

#### 1. I MUST BE \_\_\_\_\_

*Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God.*

Matt. 5:16 (Mes)

*Be generous with the different things God gave you, passing them around so all get in on it: if words, let it be God's words; if help, let it be God's hearty help. That way, God's bright presence will be evident in everything through Jesus. 1 Pet. 4:10-11 (Mes)*

#### 2. I MUST BE \_\_\_\_\_

*Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life. Phil. 2:14-16*

*Your eyes are like a window for your body. When they are good, you have all the light you need. But when your eyes are bad, everything is dark. If the light inside you is dark, you surely are in the dark.*

Matt. 6:22-23 (CEV)

*If your whole body is full of light, and none of it is dark, then you will shine bright, as when a lamp shines on you.*

Luke 11:36 (NCV)

#### 3. I MUST BE \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_

*Don't hide your light! Let it shine for all; let your good deeds glow for all to see, so that they will praise your heavenly Father.*

Matt. 5:15-16 (LB)

*All who worship God, come here and listen; I will tell you everything God has done for me.*

Psa. 66:16 (CEV)

*I will tell of your goodness; all day long I will speak of your salvation, though it is more than I can understand. I will go in the strength of the LORD God; I will proclaim your goodness, yours alone.*

Psa. 71:15-16 (GN)

#### 4. I MUST BE \_\_\_\_\_

*If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.*

John 15:19

*We often suffer, but we are never crushed. Even when we don't know what to do, we never give up. In times of trouble, God is with us, and when we are knocked down, we get up again.*

2 Cor. 4:8-9 (CEV)

*Let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up.*

Gal. 6:9 (LB)