



SL&M Secretary

SPIRITUAL LIFE MESSAGE

Hymn: “This Little Light of Mine”

Prayer: *(As the Spirit Leads)*

Scripture: Matthew 5:14-16

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Meditation

“Is Your Light Shining?”

Are we hiding our identity? Do people know we are individuals who have been chosen by God to help further His kingdom here on earth? When people observe our actions, are they deeds that glorify God?

When people do or say things that upset us, how do we respond? How do we react when unforeseen tragedy walks through our front door and take-up residence? What about life’s successes, to whom do we give credit and thanks? When we are upset, typically our initial reaction is defensive, with a worldly retort. Oftentimes, our reaction to tragedy is to handle the issue with help from friends and family, leaving God out or calling on Him as a last resort. Likewise, we acknowledge individuals who assisted in our accomplishments, with no praise given to God.

When we respond to life’s experiences in the manner cited above, we are hiding our identity. While we are not perfect, we are Christians, who should be striving to be more like Christ each day. A worldly response to an unpleasant experience, handling tragedy on our own and not acknowledging God’s favor in our successes are not words, thoughts and deeds that glorify God. When we behave in this manner, we are not letting our lights shine.

We need to let our light shine daily, in our home, in our grocery stores, at the pharmacy, in the department store, in the doctor’s office and everywhere we go. No matter what the circumstances may be, when others see our behavior, they should be able to say that person is letting their light shine for God.

Closing Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, help us to remember Your presence, and to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we proceed through our daily lives. Let all that we do glorify you, so that others will be encouraged to accept Christ as their savior and serve in Your Kingdom. Amen

Polishing Your Communication Power

- 1 Equanimity 2 Drag 3 Authenticity 4 Diadem 5 Neuropathy

- a. to criticizing or making fun of
- b. a jeweled crown or headband worn as a symbol of sovereignty.
- c. mental calmness, composure, and evenness of temper, especially in a difficult situation
- d. damage, disease, or dysfunction of one or more nerves
- e. of undisputed origin; genuine

Last Month’s Answers

1 - c 2 - d 3 - a 4 - b