

# WORD OF THE DAY



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*"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden."*

### Let your light *Shine*



**You are the light.** What is darkness besides the absence of light? Jesus told His disciples that they were the light of the world. As humans, one of our senses that we cherish the most is the sense of sight. Our sight can be great in helping us find things; however, our sight is no good to us in a dark room, unless there is light. Likewise, this world is filled with people who have been made in God's image and for a purpose, yet they will remain in spiritual darkness and will not find their true purpose for which they were created unless we shine the light of Jesus Christ.

**Light cannot be hidden.** Jesus says that a city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. At first when I was writing this paragraph, I was going to write "Light should not be hidden". Then realizing that Jesus said a city on the hill cannot be hidden, I change it from should not to cannot." The difference being that Jesus shares that if you are the light, meaning your life glorifies God, it is not something that will be kept a secret, it will show to others. The only way that light could be hidden would be if one were to put out the light, or cover it up, therefore no longer being light. Likewise the only way that a Christian could "hide" their light, would be if they stopped living a life that glorified God, and therefore no longer being the light of the world.

**Shine your light.** Jesus continues in verse 16 of chapter 5 and tells us "*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven*". We are told that the purpose of the light is to glorify God(our Father) in heaven. This means that we aren't shining the light (whether we have a gift of singing, athletic talent, professional expertise, personal charisma, beautiful physique, etc) to bring attention to ourselves, but to bring attention to God. Since we are aware that our light cannot be hidden, our focus simply needs to be on living a life which glorifies God, and in doing so, this light will automatically shine.

-Your brother in Christ, [WNL](#)

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"In a dark world, Christians light the way to **Jesus**."

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God, thank you for reminding me that I am the light of the world. Help me to shine this light and point others to you. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.



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