



## ***34. Let It Shine!***

Jesus said, *“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.”* That’s Matthew 5:14&15.

Jesus had said (John 9:5), *“While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world.”* And He passed the light on to us when He said, *“You are the light of the world.”* We, as believers, are now the light of the world ... not to be hidden ... not to be covered. Our light should shine in the darkness of the lost world.

Can your light be seen? Or is it hidden? If it’s hidden, it wasn’t hidden by God. He passed the light of

the Gospel on to you. Jesus commanded you to *let it shine*. And don't think it's enough to live the message without giving the message. You must live the Gospel *and* give the Gospel. Works without words is robbery ... stealing God's honor. Don't silently take credit for what God has done in your life. Bring your words up to your works. But some believers have the words without the works. Words without works is hypocrisy ... bringing discredit to God. If needed, bring your works up to your words. You see, effective witnessing is show and tell time. It's deeds *and* seeds ... works *and* words ... living *and* giving. Let your light shine through the message you live and through the message you give. In Matthew 5:16 Jesus said, let your light shine "*in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.*"

So ... Let it shine!