

“Life ... in The Light”

John 8:12 NLT

¹² Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, “I am the light of the world. If you follow me, **you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.**”

1 John 1: 5-7 NLT

⁵ This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all. ⁶ So we are lying if we say we have **fellowship with God** but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not **practicing the truth**. ⁷ But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have **fellowship with each other**, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, **cleanses** us from all sin.

**“I believe in Christianity as
I believe that the sun has risen:
not only because I see it, but
because by it I see everything else.”**

C.S. Lewis

TO SEE AND BE SEEN

Light reveals the path before us and makes a transformed life visible to others.



To See In the Light ...Psalms 36: 9

⁹For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.

1. Dependence
2. Direction
3. Discernment

To Be Seen In the Light

1. Recognition
2. Reward
3. Review

**“The only way to get our
values right is to see ...
not in the light of time but
in the light of eternity”**

William Barclay

Dependence

John 12:46 TLB

I have come as a Light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will **no longer wander in the darkness.**

Psalms 119:105 NLT

Your word is a lamp to **guide** my feet and **a light for my path.**

- *Light reveals path, persons including self, perspectives and permissions*
- *Senses sharpened by The Word eliminates wandering in darkness*

Direction

Isaiah 42: 16- 17 NKJV

¹⁶ I will bring the blind by a way they did not know; I will lead them in paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, And crooked places straight. These things I will do for them and not forsake them.¹⁷ They shall be turned back, They shall be greatly ashamed, Who trust in carved images, Who say to the moulded images, 'You are our gods.'

Backwardness guaranteed for the idolaters, but the blind will be held, led and directed by Him who gives light.

Ephesians 5:8-10 NLT

⁸ For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. **So live as people of light!** ⁹ **For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true.**

¹⁰ **Carefully determine** what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; **instead, expose them.**

¹² It is shameful even to talk about the things that ungodly people do in secret. ¹³ But their evil intentions will be exposed when the light shines on them, ¹⁴ **for the light makes everything visible.** This is why it is said, “Awake, O sleeper, rise up from the dead, and Christ will give you light.”

Discernment

Psalms 36: 9 “In Your light we see light.”

In God’s light, we do not simply see more---we see more clearly

- **Truth from Error**
- **Wisdom from Foolishness**
- **Temptation from Test**
- **Important from Trivial**
- **God’s will from our will**

‘We must depend on God’s light for direction using discernment’

To be seen...

Mathew 5:14-16 NKJV

¹⁴ “**You are** the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. ¹⁶ **Let your light** so shine before men, **that they may see your good** works and **glorify your Father In heaven.**

2 Corinthians 3:18 NKJV

"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory."

Recognition, Reward, and Review

Recognition of self

Example: Paul, John

Recognition by others

Example: Mordecai, Melchizedek

Reward

*Fellowship, Cleansing, Fruitfulness, God's glory
Earthly reward through men*

Review

*What and how we say, what and how we do,
and the effect on others.*

"We are told to let our light shine, and if it does, we won't need to tell anybody it does. Lighthouses don't fire cannons to call attention to their shining - they just shine"

Dwight Moody

Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to “live in the light”?

Jesus says that those who follow Him will have “the light that leads to life.” What difference should following Jesus make to the way we live day to day?

2. In what ways do we need God’s light to help us see clearly?

*God’s light gives us **dependence, direction and discernment**. Which of these do you think you most need at the moment, and why?*

3. How can God’s Word help us distinguish between what is right and what is merely attractive or convenient?

Psalms 119:105 describes God’s Word as a lamp for our feet and a light for our path. How can we practically use Scripture when making difficult decisions?

4. What does it look like for our “light” to be seen by others?

Jesus tells His followers to let their light shine so that others may see their good works and glorify God. How can we make sure our lives point people towards God rather than towards ourselves?

5. What might God be asking you to review or change?

*Consider **what and how we say, what and how we do, and the effect these things have on others**. Is there an area of your life where you need to bring something more fully into God’s light?*

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