

I AM HOPE

How to Be _____ in A _____ World

Matt. 5:14-16; Selected Scriptures

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1. You need to recognize _____ are the _____ of the _____.

Matthew 5:14-15 (ESV) - "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house."

1 John 1:5 (ESV) - This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

John 8:12 (ESV) - Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 9:5 (ESV) - As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

John 12:46 (ESV) - I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.

Light – Greek Word: φῶς; **Transliteration:** phōs;

A. As light you are meant to be _____.

B. As light you are meant to _____ the _____.

Genesis 1:1-5 (ESV) - In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Acts 13:47 (ESV) - For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, " 'I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.' "

Philippians 2:15 (ESV) - that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

2. You must _____ your light _____.

Matthew 5:16a (ESV) - "In the same way, let your light shine before others,"

Let your light shine - λάμπω; **Transliteration:** lampō -

Romans 13:12 (ESV) - The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

1 Thessalonians 5:5 (ESV) - For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness.

3. You must let your light shine so you can help others see your _____ works and give _____ to _____.

Matthew 5:16 (ESV) - In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

A. You must make sure you help people experience your good _____ and not just hear your good _____.

James 2:17 (ESV) - So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

James 3:13 (ESV) - Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.

Titus 3:8 (ESV) - The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.

B. You must make sure you inspire people to give _____ to _____.

1 Corinthians 6:20 (ESV) - for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

1 Peter 4:11 (ESV) - whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 5:8 (ESV) - for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.

Questions to Consider

1. What is it about darkness that frightens people?
2. Why do you think so many crimes and evil acts are committed under cover of darkness?
3. What is the effect of bright light in a dark place?
4. What does it mean to you when Jesus says, "You are the light of the world"?
5. What does it mean to "let your light shine"?
6. As a believer how might you hide your light?
7. What specific behaviors should you display if you're a light-shining Christian?
8. How can you being light help saved and unsaved people be the best they can be?
9. What are three things you can do this week to be light to the people you come in contact with?
10. What are three things you can do to make sure your light consistently shines as bright as possible?