



It Is Your Time To Shine

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Jesus probably used this symbol for illustration of His message because of the properties of light, as summarised below:

PROPERTIES OF LIGHT

- 1) Light dispels darkness. All that is required to eradicate darkness is simply turn on the light. Your presence in any environment should dispel all darkness present.
- 2) Light illuminates and improves visibility - causing us to see. “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path” (Psalms 119:105). Your presence should enlighten others in that environment.
- 3) Light exposes and uncovers things that were hidden by darkness. “And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them” (Ephesians 5:11). Your presence should expose and eradicate powers of darkness.
- 4) Light travels in a straight line. This speak of integrity, honesty and transparency that should characterize your life.
- 5) Light generates heat, that eradicates cold, sustain life and provide means for cooking. It also speaks of warmth in relationships. Your presence should transform frozen relationships to warm ones and provide the nourishment to develop further.
- 6) Light generates energy and power to burn and cut (used in surgical operations and military warfare). The power of God in you is both for solving problems including health issues and spiritual warfares.
- 7) Light travels faster than sound (speed of sound is 343 m/s whereas that of light is 186,000 miles/s equivalent to 299,792.458 Km/s or 1,079,252,848.8 km/hour). Action speaks louder than words. Your actions and lifestyle has far greater reach and impact than your words. Ever heard the adage: “Your actions speak so loud that I cannot hear what you are saying”. Children emulate the examples of their parents more than their words.
- 8) Light diffracts as it travels through liquids and solids (useful in creating lenses, magnifying glasses and microscopes, etc.). The light of God in your life has the potential to penetrate barriers and difficult situations, producing transformations and breakthroughs.

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- 9) Light protects “The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light” (Romans 13:12). Your association with others should bring protection, progression and possessions.

PRINCIPLES FOR LIVING

- 1) Ye are the light of the world. How you see yourself matters and affect how you live. God sets you as light of the world. Live up to God’s expectations by lighting the world and setting for the world godly standards for them to follow. God set Christians to lead the world, and not vice versa.
- 2) A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. A city on an hill serve the useful purpose of prominent landmarks that guide travellers safely to their destinations. Before the invention of modern navigational tools, lighthouses served as invaluable beacons for guiding seamen in their voyages. In this dark world of sin, the Christian is that beacon of light to guide others aright. Remember that you may be the only Bible that your neighbour is reading!
- 3) Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Low profile and shying away from limelight are not appropriate Christian virtues. Don’t play the Ostrich game. Trying to hide is similar to the action of the servant who wrapped his talent in a napkin and buried it in the soil. Your light is to be invested profitably and not buried. Only the dead gets buried. Do not be buried alive!
- 4) Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven is a divine command to be obeyed. Fulfil your divine purpose by making your light so shine before others in such a way that your good works not only becomes visible, but also become models for others to follow as well as objects for praising God. This calls for raising your profile / visibility and showcasing your work.