

Carry the Light

Mt. 5:14-16



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Our new theme for 2017 is “Carry the Light.”

- What does that mean?
- How do we do it?
- Why should we do it?



I. THE INTRINSIC POWER

A. The Source of the Light

Jn. 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, **I am the light of the world**: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

- What does that mean?

Light is the energy that reveals all that it touches, illuminating the truth of existence that may be perceived by those affected by its power.



Psa. 104:1 Bless the LORD, O my soul. **O LORD my God, thou art very great;** thou art clothed with honour and majesty.
2 **Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment:** who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:

Psa. 27:1 **The LORD is my light and my salvation;** whom shall I fear? the LORD *is* the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

B. The Submission to the Lord

Isa. 50:10 Who *is* among you **that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth** the voice of his servant, that walketh *in* darkness and hath no light? **let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God.**



- How do we do it?

The Lord is Light. If we know Him, His light is cultivated within us. We must be connected to Him as our source of light!

- The Word of God is our power source for producing His light in our lives.

Psa. 119:105 **Thy word is a lamp** unto my feet, **and a light** unto my path. ...

130 **The entrance of thy words giveth light**; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

- The strength of our light is dependent proportionally to our love for Christ.



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1 Jn. 2:5 But **whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected**: hereby know we that we are in him.



II. THE ILLUMINATING PURPOSE

Mt. 5:14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

- What does that mean? = Light reveals truth needed for mankind's existence
- How do we do it? = We tap into the source by the Word of God, and loving Christ!
- Why should we do it? Because it is who we are (or who we claim to be.)



A. The Presentation of a Fact – “Ye **are** the light of the world...”

- We are identified, by the Lord, as “light.”
- We are identified WITH Him!

Jn. 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, **I am the light of the world**: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, **but shall have the light of life**.

- As light, we accept the ramifications of our responsibility.

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B. The Purpose of the Faithful

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16 **Let your light so shine before men**, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

- As light, we are to be shining – “...giveth light unto all that are in the house.”

Prov. 4:18 But **the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more** unto the perfect day.

Eph. 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, **but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:**



- We are to be lighting the way for sinners.

Acts 13:47 For so hath the Lord commanded us, *saying*, **I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldst be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.**

- We are to be a light in order to glorify God, because we love Him!

Mt. 5:16 **Let your light so shine before men**, that they may see your good works, and **glorify your Father which is in heaven.**



Heb. 6:9 But, beloved, **we are persuaded better things of you**, and **things that accompany salvation**, though we thus speak.

10 For God *is* not unrighteous to forget **your work and labour of love**, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.





Conclusion


2 Cor. 4:3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, **lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.**

5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

6 For **God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, **that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.**

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- Light represents clear knowledge of relationship a person has with Christ.
 - A true, spiritual relationship with Christ represents His power and glory.
 - Such a spiritual relationship is manifested by our fellowship with Him.

1 Jn. 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that **God is light**, and in him is no darkness at all.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

7 But **if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another**, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.