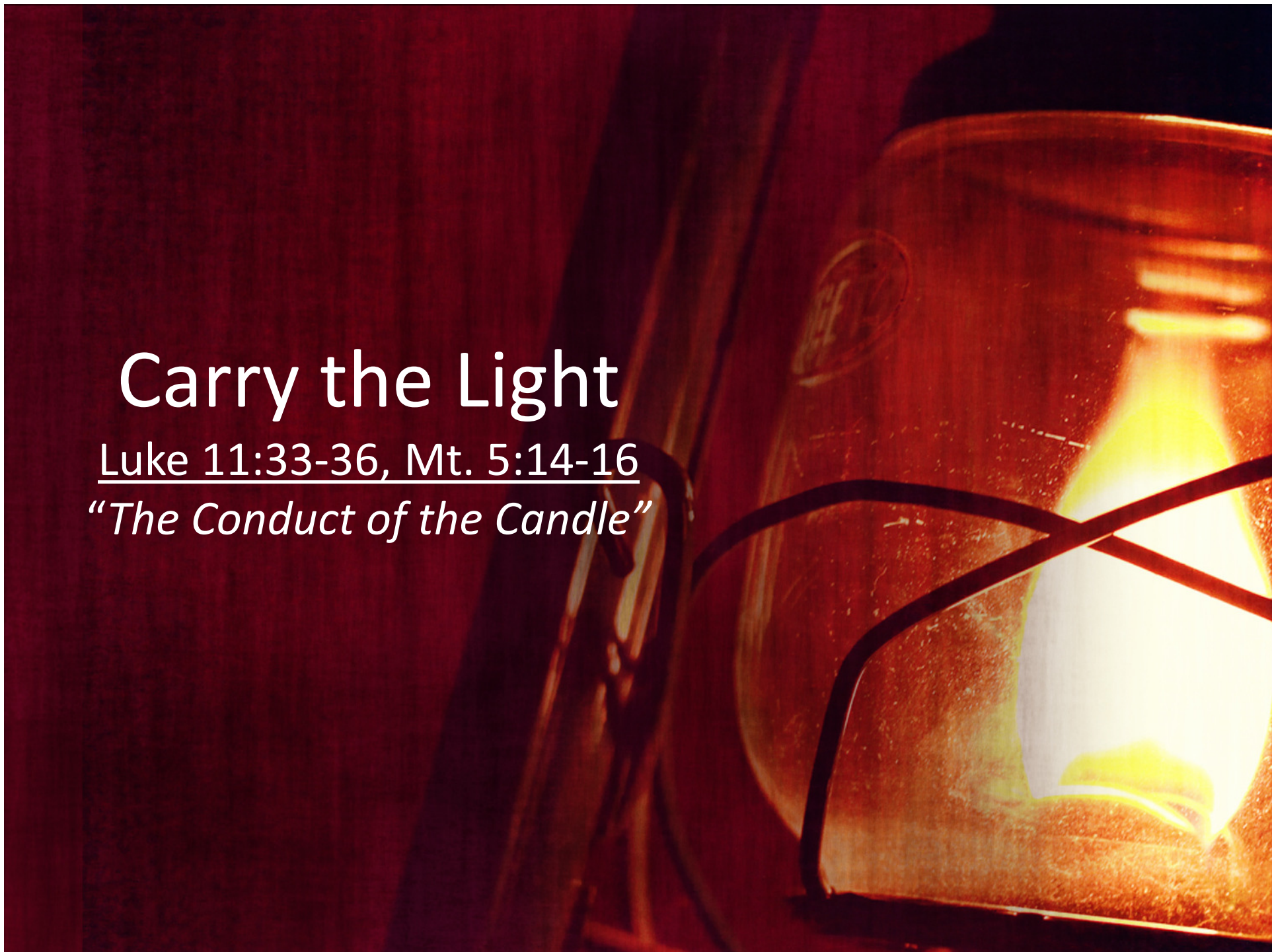


# Carry the Light

Luke 11:33-36, Mt. 5:14-16

*"The Conduct of the Candle"*





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## Review

Our theme for 2017 is “Carry the Light.”

The conduct of a true Christian, one who is genuinely “born again,” is the outcome of a doctrinal foundation.

We are **“living out our faith,”** and our testimony indicates the quality of it, be it good or bad.

**As I believe, therefore I live.**





## Introduction

The two passages we are considering this morning represent this principle. We will construct a chronological order these passages.

### I. THE RECOGNITION OF IDENTITY

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

A. The Present Ownership – “**Ye are** the light of the world...”

- “**Ye are...**” – not, will be, or hope to be.





2 Cor. 5:17 Therefore **if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

- Believers are “illuminated vessels” of testimony for Christ!

2 Cor. 5:20 **Now** then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

B. The Presentation of the Obvious – “...A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.”

Eccl. 8:1 Who *is* as the wise *man*? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? **a man's wisdom maketh his face to shine**, and the boldness of his face shall be changed.





Dan. 12:3 And **they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament**; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

- Who you are determines what you do.
- If you are light...you shine!

## II. THE RESPONSIBILITY OF INFLUENCE

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A. The Producer of the Influence "...lighted a candle..."

- The principle is that someone had lighted a candle.

Jn. 1:6 There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John.

7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all *men* through him might believe.

8 He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light.

9 *That* was **the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.**





Original Word: φωτίζω

Transliteration: phótizó

Definition: (a) I light up, illumine, (b) I bring to light, make evident, reveal.

*phōtízō* (from *phōs*, "light") – properly, *enlighten*; (figuratively) God sharing *His life*, exposing and overcoming darkness – like the ignorance (prejudice) caused by sin.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/5461.htm>

Eph. 1:18 The eyes of your understanding being **enlightened**; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,





Eph. 3:9 And to **make** all *men* **see** what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

Heb. 10:32 But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were **illuminated**, ye endured a great fight of afflictions;

B. The Place of Influence – “...no man...putteth *it* in a secret place, **neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick...**”

- To put “... *it* in a secret place...” = cowardly, closet Christian.
- God does not put a believer where he cannot “shine.”





Mark 4:21 And he said unto them, **Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed?** and not to be set on a candlestick?

- “...under a bushel or under a bed...” represent two specific reasons for losing a testimony = commercialism or laziness.
- Commercialism and/or laziness are both expressions of selfishness, smothering the light.
- When “the light” is smothered, it is ineffective, a waste of what a candle is designed for.





**"do you want to sell sugar water for the rest of your life or do you want to come with me and change the world"**

Sculley went to work for Apple and the rest is history.

<http://askdrdan.com/steve-jobs-sugar-water-story/>

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

- Our place to shine is "...to be set on a candlestick..."
- The Scriptural definition of the candlestick is found in Rev. 1:20:





Rev. 1:20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and **the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.**

- God's plan for a believer, after salvation, is to be Scripturally baptized, and consequently, join a Bible preaching church.
- God's plan is for the believer, to shine via the "candlestick," utilizing God-given gifts for His glory, ministering through the church. (Eph. 4:11-16)





C. Purpose of the Influence – “...that they which come in may see the light.”

Phil. 2:15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, **in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;**

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





### III. THE RAMIFICATIONS OF INCLINATION

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#### A. The Importance of the Focus

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Mt. 13:13 Therefore speak I to them in parables:  
because they **seeing see not**; and hearing they hear  
not, neither do they understand.

14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias,  
which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not  
understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not  
perceive:

15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and *their* ears are  
dull of hearing, and **their eyes they have closed; lest at any  
time they should see with *their* eyes**, and hear with *their*  
ears, and should understand with *their* heart, and  
should be converted, and I should heal them.

16 But blessed *are* your eyes, for they see: and your  
ears, for they hear.





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- Where we focus our attention, our hearts will follow.

Prov. 4:23 **Keep thy heart with all diligence**; for out of it *are* the issues of life.

Luke 12:34 For **where your treasure is, there will your heart be** also.

## B. The Inclination for the Fallout

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Rom. 6:16 Know ye not, that **to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey;** whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

#### IV. THE REASON FOR ILLUMINATION

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.

A. What the Candle is To Do, Imperatively  
– “**Let** your light so shine...”

B. Where the Candle is To Do It – “...**before** men...”





- Believers are commanded to “be public leaders” about their testimony.

## C. Why the Candle is To Do It – “...glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

we are a holy people called out of darkness to show forth  
the glory of Almighty God

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## Conclusion

Isa. 43:7 *Even* every one that is called by my name: for **I have created him for my glory**, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

Eph. 2:8 For **by grace are ye saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves: **it is the gift of God**:  
9 **Not of works**, lest any man should boast.

10 For **we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works**, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

1 Cor. 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or **whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.**

