



Carry the Light

Mt. 5:14-16

“Carry the Light to Exhibit God’s Greatness”

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As we come down to the last month of the year, our minds are turned toward the most anticipated holiday of the year – Christmas! Our theme this year has been...

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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.



During this Christmas season, we have a wonderful opportunity to let our light shine, living out our faith before others. In doing so, let's take a look at our motive: why should we be concerned to let our light shine?

According to our text, the Lord Jesus Christ commands us to be *carrying the light*. Our passage gives us the direction and motive to do so.

I. CARRY THE LIGHT TO EXHIBIT GOD'S GREATNESS

A. God's Greatness via Normal Conversation



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- The purpose and function of a light is simply to shine.
- The way a believer functions in life is called *conversation* in the Bible.

ἀναστροφή – properly, 'walk,' i. e. manner of life, behavior, conduct

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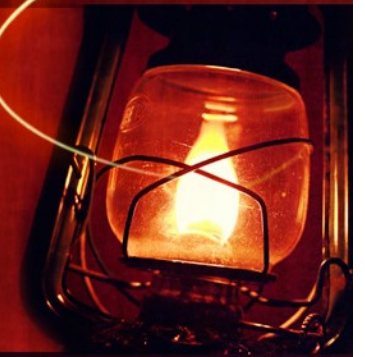


- *Conversation* is simply one's manner of life.

Psa. 50:23 Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and **to him that ordereth *his conversation aright* will I shew the salvation of God.**

- We have a responsibility to “order our conversation aright.”

2 Cor. 1:12 For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, **we have had our conversation in the world**, and more abundantly to you-ward.



Phil. 1:27 Only **let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ:** that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

- This is how we let our light shine – by living what we profess!



The greatest single cause of atheism in the world today is Christians who acknowledge Jesus with their lips then walk out the door and deny him by their lifestyle. That is what an unbelieving world simply finds unbelievable.

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1 Tim. 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but **be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation,** in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Jas. 3:13 Who *is* a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? **let him shew out of a good conversation his works** with meekness of wisdom.

As I believe, therefore I live.

1 Pet. 1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, **so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;**

2 Pet. 3:11 *Seeing then that* all these things shall be dissolved, **what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation** and godliness,



- The reason why we let our light shine is to glorify our Heavenly Father!

B. God's Greatness via the Natural Creation

Psa. 19:1 **The heavens declare the glory of God**; and the firmament sheweth **his handywork**.

2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

3 *There is* no speech nor language, where **their voice** is not heard.



"... The heavens declare the glory of God..."

Psalm 19:1

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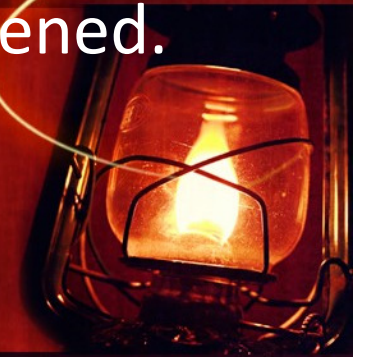


Rom. 1:18 For the wrath of God **is revealed from heaven** against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed *it* unto them.

20 For **the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made**, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so **that they are without excuse**:

21 Because that, **when they knew God, they glorified him not as God**, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.



Heb. 11:3 **Through faith we understand** that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

- The beauty of creation declares –
“GOD MADE ME FOR HIS GLORY!”
- The believer’s life should be declaring –
“LOOK WHAT GOD HAS DONE THROUGH ME!”

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.**



Rom. 3:23 For all have sinned, and **come short of the glory of God;**

Phil. 2:11 And *that* every tongue should **confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

C. God's Greatness via the New Creature

2 Cor. 5:14 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that **if one died for all, then were all dead:**

15 And *that* he died for all, that **they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him** which died for them, and rose again. ...

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



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- GOD'S GREATNESS BEGINS TO BE EXHIBITED IN OUR LIVES THE MOMENT WE TRUST HIM BY FAITH TO BE OUR SAVIOR.
- THE BELIEVER EXHIBITS GOD'S GREATNESS BY FAITHFUL LIVING EACH DAY.

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Conclusion

Eph. 2:1 And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

2 Wherein **in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air**, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

3 Among whom also **we all had our conversation in times past** in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

4 **But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,**

5 **Even when we were dead in sins**, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

6 And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:

7 **That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.**

