

City on a Hill



LIVING OUT YOUR FAITH

Living A Life That Shines

MATTHEW 5:14-16

14 “You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden.
15 No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather on a
lampstand, and it gives light for all who are in the house. 16 In the same way,
let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and
give glory to your Father in heaven.

① PROMINENCE (14) : You are meant to be seen.

“You are the light in the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden.”

- Your identity in Christ includes visibility

Light is meant to be seen—it’s part of the design.

Just like a glowing city in the night, your life should stand out in a dark world. We are called to reflect Christ publicly, not hide privately.

- Visibility brings both opportunity and responsibility.

People will see your life. The question is: What will they see?

Our lives, values, and actions—should stand up & stand out in contrast to the dark world in which we live.

Am I living a life that visibly reflects Jesus?

In what areas am I tempted to blend in rather than stand out?

② PURPOSE (14–15) : You are meant to shine.

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- Light is created for a function.

Its purpose is to push back darkness, produce clarity, and provide guidance.

We were made to bring clarity, hope, and direction in a confused world.

You were made to make a difference, not just exist.

- Hiding your light contradicts your calling.

God didn't save you to keep you silent—He saved you to send you out.

What "basket" might I be hiding under— Fear? Comfort? Cultural pressure?

- Your placement is intentional.

Just as a lamp is placed on a stand, God has positioned you where you are for a reason.

Your home, workplace, school, and neighborhood are all mission fields.

Where has God placed me to be a light right now?

Where can I shine the light of Christ this week—at home, at work, at school?

③ PLATFORM (16) : You are meant to glorify.

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- Your light is not for your fame, but God's glory.

The goal isn't self-promotion but Christ-exaltation.

Letting your light shine leads people to worship God, not admire you.

- Good works reveal God's character.

Acts of love, service, and compassion point to a good and gracious God.

Our lives should raise the question, "What's different about you?"—and our answer should be Jesus.

- We live to reflect, not to receive

Our lives are meant to highlight the One who saved us.

A faithful life redirects attention from self to the Savior.

Am I living a life that visibly reflects Jesus?

Are my actions glorifying God or glorifying me?

How can I point others to Jesus through what I say and do?

Is there a good work I've been hesitant to do that could point someone to Jesus?

NEXT STEPS

Where has God set you to shine?

What steps can you take this week to let your light shine more boldly?