

12th Grade Devotional 3



Read Philippians 2:14-18

"This little light of mine... I'm gonna let it shine." Most of us know that children's song. *"Hide it under a bushel... NO! I'm gonna let it shine."* But even a children's song can have profound truths. Paul tells the Philippians that in a world of a "crooked and twisted generation", they will shine like lights in the world.

Matthew 5:16

¹⁶ *Even so, let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.*

The bible doesn't tell us to act a certain way so people will notice we're a good person. The bible tells us that when God is working in us and we show that through our actions and how we deal with everyday life, He is glorified. In John 8:18 Jesus says, *"I am the light of the world. He who follows me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life."* You see it's not our own light that people should see, it's Jesus they should see radiating through us.

When Paul tells the Philippians to *"Do all things without grumbling or questioning"* he's letting them know that people are watching. People can see through disingenuous behavior. If you talk one way, but live another, attention is brought to you, not to Christ.

As you go out into life, whether in school, work, or everyday relationships, ask yourself if you are set apart as a light in the world? Can people see that there is something different about you? Paul in verse 16 says that to do this we must, *"hold on to the Word of Life"*. The word of life is the Gospel. By sincerely living out the Gospel in our daily lives, we can shine as lights in the world. People will naturally be drawn to you as they see something different in you. Be prepared to tell them that that *"something"* is Jesus.

Parents:

Spend a special time of prayer with your son or daughter. Pray for their continued walk with the Lord as they go out into the world. Give praise to God for the man or woman of God they have become.