

Matt 5:14

You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Is your life a light to the world? If so, what kind of a light is it?

Are you a cool 60-watt bulb that is pleasing to the eye, a light people are attracted to because it helps to light their way?

Or maybe you are like a searchlight, thinking you are lighting the way for all to see. You think you are that searchlight that shines brightly in the air and that everyone will want to come and see what that light in the sky means.

The problem is that many are like searchlights, but not shining in the air showing the way to salvation. But rather they are searchlights shining right in people's faces, blinding them. Could you imagine going up to a searchlight and standing right in front of it while it's shining and looking straight into it. If you did so, you would probably be blinded for a time or even for life. Yet some Christians think that's what they need to be, a bright, in your face, searchlight. But to be honest, you are irritating to those around you when you do that.

Do people run and hide when you start to enter a room? Do you think it's because you are a Christian and they just don't get it and that's why they run from you?

Sorry my friend, that's not why. People didn't run and hide from Jesus when He went to a town. No, they ran to Him.

✠ **Mark 5:6** *When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him.*

Is this a little offensive to you? Maybe you think you are doing the right thing by cramming the gospel down peoples' throats or never talking about anything else other than Jesus, and that's all people hear from you is Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.

Well, Jesus didn't walk around talking about God all the time. If you read the gospels, Jesus talked about normal things of life, and every once in a while, would mention God too. But Jesus wasn't irritating, rather was like one of the people, because He was one of the people.

People accepted Him and ran to Him, not because He walked around being a searchlight in people's faces. But a searchlight as it was intended to be. A light shining in the air, pointing to, and drawing people to the Father.

Maybe you are neither a 60-watt bulb nor a searchlight. Maybe you are more like a strobe light, turning off and on depending on who's around or the setting.

At church, you are shining bright for everyone to see what a great Christian you are. But once you walk into the workplace, you shut it down, hiding your light under a basket.

- † **Matt 5:14-16** *You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*
- † **Matt 15: 8** *These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me.*