

Psalm 18:28

For You will light my lamp; The LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.

Here is a very profound saying, **“A 100 watt light bulb shines just as bright in a church, as it does in a bar.”**

I know that sounds like a no brainer, but if you look at today’s verse again, it says that **“You (God) will light my lamp”** Therefore, no matter where you are, the light of God should be shining just as brightly through you regardless where you are, be it in a church, or a bar, or anywhere else.

Yet, how many Christians are a 100 watt lightbulb, but they tend to be a three-way lightbulb? What’s a three-way light bulb? You know, those light bulbs that you have in certain lamps, that when you hit the switch it is dim, then you hit it again and it gets brighter, then again then it’s at it’s brightest. It’s like having three lightbulbs in one, a 30 watt, a 60 watt and a 100 watt lightbulb.

But we are not called to be a three way lightbulb, because no matter where we are, we are to allow the light of Jesus to shine just as brightly through us as it would in church, our job, at home, the store, school etc... Also, some tend to have a dimmer switch on their lightbulb, which is that knob that as you turn it, the lights get brighter or dimmer.

Paul had to address this with Peter when Paul wrote that: **“Now when Peter had come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed; for before certain men came from James, he would eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing those who were of the circumcision.” Galatians 2:11-12**

Simply, Peter was being a three-way lightbulb, or had a dimmer switch, adjusting who he was as a believer depending on who was around him. Around the Jews, he shined like a good Jewish believer, but around the Gentiles, he shined like a Gentile, adjusting his words and action and even the things he ate or did based upon the crowd (Jews or Gentiles) he was with.

But if you have to adjust or change the way you talk, dress, the music you listen to or anything else based upon the crowd, you are being a hypocrite, which is another word for an actor, because you are acting differently depending on the crowd or where you are at. You are being that three way lightbulb adjusting Jesus in your life based upon who is around, or even dimming your relationship with Jesus when you are around nonbelievers.

Think about those times when you look at someone and think, “*I think that he or she is a Christian*” because they are being a 30 or 60 watt lightbulb, verses “*I know that person is a Christian*” because they are being a 100 watt lightbulb, not just in church but anywhere they are.

There is nothing better then to hear someone say to you, “*I knew you were a Christian*” because it shows you are being that 100 watt lightbulb outside of church. But on the other hand, there is nothing worse then someone saying to you, “*You’re a Christian?*” because you always walk around with the light in you dim, so much so that people are surprised that you are a Christian.

So, we are all 100 watt lightbulbs, the question is, how much of that light are you allowing to shine regardless of where you are and who is around you.

We know that Jesus said that ***“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.”*** Matthew 5:14-16

I don’t think that we will be a three way lightbulb or dimmer in heaven, so we shouldn’t be one here on the earth either.

- † **Luke 12:9** *But he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God.*
- † **Psalm 4:6** *There are many who say, "Who will show us any good?" LORD, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us.*
- † **Psalm 43:3** *Oh, send out Your light and Your truth! Let them lead me; Let them bring me to Your holy hill And to Your tabernacle.*
- † **Matthew 6:22-23** *The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!*