

# “How BRIGHT is Your Future?”

Based on Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)

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*Matthew 5:14a - (Jesus said,) “You are the light of the world.”*

† I am to show others Christ through me.

† The main purpose of light is to let things be seen as they truly are.

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† I am to be the light of the world in allowing others to see how things truly are.

*Matthew 5:15a - Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl.*

† I put my “light” under a “bowl”:  
- By being quiet when I should speak up.  
- By ignoring the needs of others.  
- By denying the truth.  
- By not using the gifts God has blessed me with.

*Matthew 5:15b-16*

*15 ... Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.*

*16 In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”*

† Jesus says that I am to show my light, not anyone else’s.

† As light in the world, I get rid of fear, bring relief, and lift spirits.

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† Just as the flame draws power from the candle through the wick, we each draw power from God through Jesus.

## Applying Today’s Message to My Life:

† What do I plan on doing this afternoon? Next week? Next month? Next year?

† How can I let my light shine this afternoon? Next week? Next month? Next year?

† When have I put my “light” under a “bowl”?

† When have I let my light shine?

† In what ways do I draw power from Christ that allow my light (my gifts) to shine?