**LET YOUR LIGHT BE SEEN IN 2016**

**Matthew 5:14-16**

[**14**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-5-14/)**Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.** [**15**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-5-15/)**Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.** [**16**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-5-16/)**Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.**

**INTRO:**

**\*\*There’s only one light, and that light is Jesus Christ! We are commanded here to let this light that is in us, which is Jesus, shine in this cold dark world so the Father can be glorified. We are commanded to not hide this light that is in us, but rather, we are to display this light that is in us that it may light up the space where we are!**

**\*\*How can we let our light be seen in 2016?**

**1. Show Commitment and Let Your Light Be Seen**

 **A. Be Faithfully Committed to His Word**

 **B. Be Faithfully Committed to His Will**

**‘ C. Be Faithfully Committed to His Worship**

**2. Show Confidence and Let Your Light Be Seen**

 **A. Have Confidence in God’s Power**

 **B. Have Confidence in God’s Purpose**

 **C. Have Confidence in God’s Peace**

**3. Show Compassion and Let Your Light Be Seen**

**\*\*Compassion is having a tender feeling. So how can you have compassion (a tender feeling) for the Savior, for the Sinner, and for the Service?**

 **A. Have a Heart Full of God**

 **B. Have a Heart Full of Grace**

 **C. Have a Heart Full of Glory**

**4. Show Contentment and Let Your Light Be Seen**

 **A. Be Content with the Scripture**

 **B. Be Content with the Spirit**

 **C. Be Content with the Savior**

**\*\*We can never do these things until we get dedicated and then determined to show our Light, our Love, and our Lord!**

**\*\*Here are some things you can do to make sure you Let Your Light Be Seen in 2016!**

**I. TOUT JESUS**

**\*\*Tout means to “brag about” – So brag about Jesus!**

 **A. Testify About Him**

**I John 4:14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.**

 **1. Give your Testimony by Showing Up!**

**\*\*When you faithfully show up at church, you are testifying about Jesus and letting your light shine!**

 **2. Give your Testimony by Standing Up!**

**\*\*When the world is degrading Him, stand up for Him in a polite and humble manner and let your light shine!**

 **3. Give your Testimony by Speaking Up!**

**\*\*When the Spirit leads you, speak up for Jesus and let your light shine!**

 **B. Talk About Him**

 **1. Talk about His Friendship**

 **a. Talk about this friend that saved you!**

 **(Your Help)**

 **b. Talk about this friend that supports you!**

 **(Your Hope)**

 **2. Talk about His Forgiveness**

 **a. My sin isn’t in the depths of my soul**

 **b. My sin is in the depths of the sea**

 **C. Tell About Him**

 **1. Tell the Joy of Walking in His Footsteps!**

**\*\*His Footsteps led us to Repentance, to Redemption, to Righteousness!**

 **2. Tell the Joy of Walking in His Favor!**

**\*\*His favor keeps us breathing, and His favor keeps us blessed!**

**II. TREASURE JESUS**

**II Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even by the Spirit of the Lord.**

 **A. Treasure Him by Looking to Him**

 **1. Fix your Heart on Him.**

 **a. Let your heart ponder His goodness.**

 **b. Let your heart ponder His grace.**

 **2. Fix your Home on Him.**

 **a. We’ll study Him in my home.**

 **b. We’ll serve Him in my home.**

 **c. We’ll sensationalize Him in my home.**

 **B. Treasure Him by Loving on Him**

 **1. Love Him for Dying for You**

 **a. He died for your sins**

 **b. He died for your soul**

 **2. Love Him for Delivering You**

**\*\*He delivered you from sin, from Satan, from sorrow, and from suffering.**

 **C. Treasure Him by Living for Him**

 **1. Live for Him when life is good!**

 **2. Live for Him when life is garbage!**

 **3. Live for Him when life is great!**

 **4. Live for Him when life is god-awful!**

**\*\*Your light will not shine or be seen this year or any other year until you learn to privately and publicly Tout and Treasure Jesus!**

**III. TRUST JESUS**

**Psalms 118:8 It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.**

 **A. Trust His Word**

 **1. Learn of His Word**

 **I Timothy 4:13 “Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.”**

 **2. Latch onto His Word**

 **a. Attach it to your heart.**

 **b. Apply it in your home.**

 **3. Lean on His Word**

 **a. In storms**

 **b. In stumbling**

 **B. Trust His Will**

 **1. Find His Will**

 **a. In Holy Passages**

 **b. In Humble Prayers**

 **2. Follow His Will**

 **a. Follow it in Grace**

 **b. Follow it into Glory**

 **C. Trust His Works**

**\*\*He knows how to work things out for Christian’s Good, and for Christ’s Glory.**

 **D. Trust His Ways**

 **1. His ways are best!**

 **2. His ways are blessed!**

**\*\*Your light cannot be seen until people see you trust Jesus with your own troubles and trials.**

**IV. THANK JESUS**

**Psalms 100:4 [4](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-100-4/%22%20%5Co%20%22View%20more%20info%20for%20Psalms%20100%3A4) Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, *and* into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name.**

**\*\*Our lights will not shine and will not be seen until we offer sincere prayerful thanksgiving, praising thanksgiving, and powerful thanksgiving!**

 **A. Thank God for His Goodness**

 **B. Thank God for His Greatness**

 **C. Thank God for His Grace**

**CLOSE**

**1. If there is ever a time for us to let our lights be seen, it is this year in this time!**

**2. People are hurting. People are needing some help. People are searching for something better in this cold dark world. We need to quit hiding our light and let our light be seen!**

**3. Before you can let the light of Jesus be seen, you must possess the light of Christ. You cannot shine a light that you do not have.**

**4. So here are two questions:**

 **a. Do you have the light of Christ in your heart and life?**

 **b. Will you let your light, the light of Christ shine? Will you let your light be seen in 2016?**