

Shining!

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Mt. 5:16

As we dare to believe God, the act of believing removes the blindness from our hearts. And the wonderful grace of God begins to shine upon us. Areas that were once blind to you now you can see them! And the light of the glorious gospel in the face of Jesus Christ begins to shine brighter and brighter in your life. Do not be deceived in thinking that light may come to you in any other way. That simply is not true. But the light of God, when He begins to shine in your heart begins to produce something. The light of God always produces good works. It's inevitable! These works come out of the Kingdom; it is the by-product of your relationship with Jesus Christ. We really can't take the credit for such works, because they are typically impossible for man to do apart from Christ's enabling power, but the power of God has been made available to us through Jesus Christ. Remember, Jesus said,

"You shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit has come upon you."

So let your light so shine in such a manner that others can see it. There is a false humility that tries to remain hidden. Here, Jesus says, "Live in such a way that everyone will see it!"

What happens when men see the genuine works of God in manifestation through the hearts of men and women filled with the shining light of Jesus Christ? They will begin to glorify God and recognize Him as Father! Now, Matthew 6:22 tells us,

"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!"

This is a warning to all of us. Make sure your eye is fixed upon Jesus. That is the only way you will have the genuine light of God in your heart. There is no better way to honor your true Father in heaven than to let your light shine! Don't hide out, let the good works of the Kingdom come out of you. And let all men see it and give God glory.

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