



## **Keep Your Light On!**

*God has Purposed You to Shine.....*

### **Question:**

What do you do when the only someone that can change your situation doesn't? How do you reckon loss of hope and sickness while still trying to reach and impact your world?

What do you do when you know you are called to change the lives of others but your own life struggles are taking front stage?

Have you ever asked God, hey God, I'm serving you the best I can, but I haven't seen my promises fulfilled? What do you do when the more you pray the worse it gets?

### ***You Shine!***

***Life's troubles and dark places are the perfect opportunity for us to shine and shine bright!***

**Matthew 5:14-16 (MSG) -**

***"Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.***

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Purposed: The reason for which something is done or created, for which something exists.

Romans 8:28 (NASB) -

***And we know that [a]God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.***

All things (*pas* - greek - each & every)

Good (*agathos* - greek - useful, pleasant, excellent)

- The purpose of light is to give light in the darkness
- Our light should always point to Jesus
- God has designed a platform for each of us (workplace, home, church, etc.)
- If you want to impact your realm of influence (platform) you have to be willing to share the gospel
- You are called to be contagious in your worship and expression of sharing how Jesus has changed your life

- When they see your good works, they see the grace of God on your life

### 1). **Stand Out**

*God has given you the grace to be genuine*

Jeremiah 1:5 (MSG)

*“Before I shaped you in the womb,*

*I knew all about you.*

*Before you saw the light of day,*

*I had holy plans for you:*

*A prophet to the nations—*

*that’s what I had in mind for you.”*

- You have the grace of God to be genuine
- God consecrated and set you apart from everyone else for his divine purpose
- Do not allow your past to discount your destiny

### 2). **You Are Destined For Greatness**

1 Peter 2:9-10 (MSG)

*But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God’s instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the **night-and-day difference he made for you**—from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted.*

*Testimony of Greatness (Judah)*

***God has in-trusted you with dreams and ideas that will impact and change our world***

What dream have you placed on the shelf? Pick it back up!

- Contend for that business that you’ve always wanted, to show the world that God gives wisdom and creativity
- Contend for your marriage so you can be an example of true connection and destroy the enemies plan to rob connections in families
- Contend for your healing so people can see how faith in God can bring deliverance
- Contend for every dream and promise given to you by God, so you can preach the faithfulness of God
- Contend for you financial breakthrough so you can be a generous giver that advances the ministry and the kingdom of God

### 3). **Be Generous with your life**

*You life story is a mighty witness*

Romans 3:23-24 (NASB)

**23** for all [a]have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **24** being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

- The world is missing your contribution when you hold back
- Personal testimony (my smile/my struggle)

### **Call To Action: Raise Your Hand & Altar Call**

*God has Purposed You to Shine.....Ministry is Everywhere!*

Mark 16:15 (NIV)

**15** He said to them, **"Go** into all the world and **preach** the gospel to all creation.

Go (*poreuo* - greek) - To lead, pursue and continue the journey

- 153 references to "go" in the NT
- God is a God of action
- Listen intently to hear when God is asking you to pivot and change

Preach (*kerysso* - greek - *to be a herald, to proclaim*)

Gospel (*euaggelion* - greek - *grace provided through the life, death & resurrection of Jesus Christ*)

Ask yourself this question - Are you in position to Go?

Are you shining bright as God has intended?

Altar selection - Set a Fire (I want more) or Fresh Outpouring