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*This is a little something that's been in my heart. I pray that you will find a blessing in it and tell someone else about it. CH*

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## Let It Shine

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus,

Have you ever walked into a dark room and flipped the light switch on and sat down and waited while light and darkness had a fight to see who would win in the room? Of course not!! But there is a misconception creeping around our church houses today that there is a war between light and darkness. We spend a lot of our time talking about the darkness of the world and how bad things are and how worse they are going to become. Jesus said that we ARE the LIGHT of the world!! Anytime I have ever turned on a light switch or lit a match in a dark room or a dark place, the darkness fled from the light.

(Mathew chapter 5, verse 14-16)

**14** *"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. 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 others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

Now, I'm not saying that there is not darkness in the world - but if we are the light of the world then shouldn't darkness be fleeing from us? There is not a struggle between light and darkness. The struggle is in us. We struggle with keeping our light under a bushel. The enemy tries to keep us busy and pressed down with things in life so that we are not showing off the light of God in us. If we are the light of the world (and I believe that we are) then we should be shining like the noon day sun. Well how do I shine my light you may ask? Well scripture tells us that it is in our good deeds. Good deeds like smiling at people and helping them when they are in need, offering healing to sick ones and deliverance to those held captive with sins and oppressions in the life.

If we are representatives of God then we must treat people the way He would. There is a struggle in this world but the struggle is within us and not between light and dark. If we ever make up our minds to take away the bushel and let our light shine then we will see the world around us change for the glory of God. Then God will pour out blessings and favor in our homes and relationships. **So LIGHT IT UP!!** Lets light up the world with the love of Christ!! **Let your soul shine!!!** Shine through the struggles and pains. Shine through the obstacles that life throws at you. Let your light shine and bring glory to God today.

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