

St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church

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Let your light shine
before others, that
they may see your
good deeds and glorify
your Father in Heaven.

Matthew 5:16



WInGS Bible Study - "Women In God's Service"
2022 Theme: "Preparing to Serve God in a Deeper Way"

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Opening Prayer



Sis. Lora Stacks

Scripture Reader

Sis. Lillie Harris

Matthew 5:16

Scripture Reader

Sis. Diane Tawwab

Titus 1:16

Lesson Review

From: July 30, 2022

Today's Date



August 06, 2022



Today's Date

Complete: Anyone who does not live righteous or do what is right _____

Answer: What scripture is this answer found? _____

Complete: To let our light shine, we must deny ourselves for _____;

We must deny ourselves for _____;

And we must deny ourselves for _____.

Answer: In our lesson, the word World, means _____

Answer: In our lesson, what two aspects/qualities did we say light and darkness represent? _____

Answer: Regarding these aspects of light and darkness, what does light represent? _____

What does darkness represent? _____

Answer: From our lesson last week, name the four ways that we said Christians can hide our light.

Introducing
Today's Lesson: Sis. Stephanie Moore



Written by: Presiding Elder Ella Samuels (Retired)

Allow me to share a poem, “**Let Your Light Shine,**” written by Ken Pilcher, Jr.

As your light shines on others, the love of Jesus shines on you.

So encourage those who are weak. Strengthen the faint-hearted. See the good.

See the possibilities; See the opportunities for a kind word.

Then Love the Lord; Avoid evil; Condemn no one.

Give blessings to all; Keep the faith as you see and know it.

For as your light shines on others, The Love of Jesus shines on you!



(Sis. Lillie Harris: Matthew 5:16) There is a quote that says:

“Preach the Gospel always, and at times use words, if necessary.” (Unquote)

Some resources have given St. Francis of Assisi credit for this quote, while many others report this not to be true. However, regardless of who wrote this quote, the message is clear, Christians are to **“Let our light shine.”**

As Christians, in order to be effective in sharing the Gospel with the unsaved, our everyday way of living must reflect the Gospel. The world must **see** the Gospel exemplified in our life. Listen to what Edgar Allen Guest wrote in the second verse of his poem:

“I’d Rather See a Sermon Than Hear One Any Day”

“I can soon learn how to do it if you will let me see it done; I can watch your hand in action, but your tongue too fast may run. And the lectures you deliver may be very wise and true; But I'd rather get my lesson by observing what you do. For I may misunderstand you and the high advice you give; But there is no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.”



The shared quote, and both poems are very relative to Matthew 5:16, **“Let your light shine!”** **(Sis. Diane Tawwab: Titus 1:16)** **Matthew Henry’s** Bible

Commentary explains this verse by saying: "There are many who, in word and tongue, profess to know God, and yet in their **lives** and **conversations** they deny and reject him; their practice is a contradiction to their profession." **(Unquote)**

Words certainly have their place in a Christian’s life. The right words, spoken at the right time, can change lives, but the words must match the behavior. When Christ-like behavior is seen in our daily walk, we will be more effective in enlightening others with the words we speak. So, the words of Ken Pilcher, Jr. tells us to let our light shine; and, in essence, Edgar A. Guest says, “I may **misunderstand** the advice that you give, but I can understand how

you act and how you live.” More importantly, Jesus left a command for every born-again child of God, to live in such way that others will recognize the light of Christ within you. Now let us listen, as Presiding Elder Samuels teaches on the subject: “Let Your Light Shine.”

Subject For Today:

*Let Your Light
Shine*

MATTHEW 5:16

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Prayer

The Closing

The Rev. Brenda Finkley

The Parting Peace

The Leader: The peace of God be with you.

The Response from the people: And Also with you.