

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE, I'M GONNA LET IT SHINE!

*No one lights a lamp and hides it in a clay jar
or puts it under a bed.*

*Instead, they put it on a stand so that
those who come in can see the light.*

Luke 8:16

REFLECTION

Have you ever been in a place so dark that you can hardly make out what lies ahead of you? Yet, on a dark night when there is a full moon, the light that is reflected off the moon will be so bright that it is enough to light one's way! When it is pitch-dark, even a little bit of light can shine so brightly!

In most places these days light comes easily with the flip of a switch or even by voice activation. When I lived in rural places of Myanmar and India where blackouts were common, I had to strike a match and look for candles to light. And in order to light up the room, I would put the lit candle on a table or shelf somewhere central so that it would light up most of the room. It didn't make sense to light a candle and hide it behind a door or under a bed!

Likewise, we who are called to be salt and light of the world, should have our Christ-light shine visibly wherever we go! So, how do we shine this light?

Consider this: Have we been bold in professing our faith at work, in schools, in our homes? Or have we kept silent about our identity as Christians? Some of us are fearful of the repercussions that we may get if others know that we are and would view us differently. But why should we be worried if we have lived our lives according to what our Lord Jesus Christ has taught us in the Bible? Our public life should not be different from our private life unless we have been living "double lives"?

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, may God give us courage to be bold witnesses especially during this Advent season, that *"the love we know in Jesus becomes the love we share with others."* (Douglas Ruffle). Let us be bold witnesses that we will not slack in our work just because others are doing it and we will choose to stand by justice even if it means standing alone. If you have been hiding your light, hide it no longer. Let it shine, shine, shine!

PRAYER

God, the Source of Light and Truth, illumine the world through our lives. Shine through our lives that we may be true witness of the Light that overcomes darkness. Help us to be bold and courageous in this world that needs Your Light and Hope! In His name, amen!

SUPPLICATION

- Give thanks to God for His faithfulness seeing us through yet another year amidst all the Covid challenges. Think of one or two things that you are grateful for and tell God about them.
- We are to be Christ-lights. Pray that we will take every opportunity to be light-bearers in a world that is ravaged by calamities and hopelessness. Consider how God may use you to be His channel of hope and peace to those who need Jesus.
- Pray that in this season of Advent, we will continue to wait patiently yet actively for the Christ Light that will come again! May we wait as a people of hope! Consider how you can wait meaningfully and actively for the Lord's return - Pray.
- Pray for the world to look not for the light at the end of the tunnel but to place their trust in God who is the Light with them in the tunnel, for God is Emmanuel, God WITH us! Pray for open eyes to see and open hearts to receive this Light.

"The Bible is not the light of the world, it is the light of the Church. But the world does not read the Bible, the world reads Christians! "You are the light of the world.""

Charles H. Spurgeon

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