



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

(PART 2 of 4)

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MATTHEW 5:14-16 NKJV – (14) “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. **(15)** Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. **(16)** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

In the analogy of light to the world, the good works of Christ’s followers are to shine for all to see. The idea here is similar—the presence of light in darkness is something that is unmistakable. The presence of Christians in the world must be like a light in the darkness, not only in the sense that the truth of God’s Word brings light to the darkened hearts of sinful man (**John 1:1-10**), but also in the sense that our good deeds must be evident for all to see. And indeed, our deeds will be evident if they are performed in accordance with the other principles that Jesus mentions in this passage, such as the Beatitudes in **Matthew 5:3-11**. Notice especially that the concern is not that Christians would stand out for their own sake, but that those who looked on might “glorify your Father who is in heaven”.

When this happens, application is taking place or in other words, “You will be making a difference!”

SCRIPTURE READING

ISAIAH 60:1

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

So let your light shine!