



MESSAGE NOTES

Let Your Light Shine

Matthew 5:16

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In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

1. Starts with family

Acts 16:31 “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

God works in a special way through families. The people in your life who you have the closest relationship with are those who are most likely to want to come to know about Jesus. Sharing the love of God in this world should start with our close family and friends.

2. Be ready to give an answer

1 Peter 3:15 Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

This verse is talking about having your heart prepared to speak up for Jesus. It's not talking about having all your arguments prepared in your head. You don't have to agree with everything someone believes to have a relationship with them. You don't have to approve of someone's behavior to love and accept them.

3. Actions over words

1 John 3:18 Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

People are attracted to Jesus' love more than they are persuaded to believe in Him intellectually. When people experience the love of God through you that's when they'll want to know about Jesus. Actions speak louder than words.