

This Little Light Of Mine

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Introduction: Matt. 5:14-16

- A. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus uses two powerful metaphors to describe His people. He calls us both salt and light.
 - 1. Salt is hidden; light is visible.
 - 2. Salt works secretly, while light works openly.
 - 3. Salt works from within, light from without.
 - 4. Salt speaks of the indirect influence of the gospel, while light pictures its direct communication.
 - 5. Salt is largely negative. It preserves by retarding corruption
 - 6. Light is more positive. It not only reveals what is wrong, but helps produce what is right.
- B. This Little Light of Mine is a children's song with simple lyrics carrying a profound message

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine!

Hide it under a bushel, NO! I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel, NO! I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine!

All around the neighborhood, I'm gonna let it shine.
All around the neighborhood, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine!

Don't let Satan pfft- it out! I'm gonna let it shine.
Don't let Satan pfft- it out! I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine!

Let it shine 'til Jesus comes. I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine 'til Jesus comes. I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine!

I. 14 - THE POWER OF OUR LIGHT

- A. Light conquers darkness – Wherever there is the least bit of light, darkness is forced back. One can be in complete darkness, and a candle has the power to drive back the darkness.
 - 1. Psalm 119:105, 130
- B. Light colors drabness – Phil. 1:27; Eph. 4:1
- C. Light changes deadness – Luke 1:78-79; Matt. 4:16; Acts 26:18
- D. Light conditions dreariness – The children of God are like a warm ray of light in a dreary place
 - 1. Prov. 15:30, 16:15

II. 14-15 - THE PLACEMENT OF OUR LIGHT

- A. A city on a hill - Visible at a distance
 - 1. Prov. 4:18; Phil. 2:15
- B. On a lampstand - Fills the house with light
 - 1. Luke 8:16; Rev. 2:5; Rom. 12:17; 2Cor. 8:21; 1Peter 3:16

III. 16 - THE PURPOSE OF OUR LIGHT

- A. A signal to the lost – Rom. 12:2; Gal. 2:20
- B. A substantiation to the Lord – 1Peter 1:7

IV. THE PRINCIPLES OF OUR LIGHT

- A. Everyone has the capacity to have this light within him - Prov. 29:13
- B. This light is created within us by the word of God - Prov. 6:23
- C. Our response to the word of God determines whether or not the light will shine from us - Prov. 24:20
- D. The light within us cannot be hidden - Psalm 37:5-6
- E. Darkness is overcome by the light - Psalm 139:11-12; Eph. 5:11-13
- F. 1Thes. 5:5 - “You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.”