

Wednesday's Wisdom

a weekly short note from Mike Minear

I'm gonna let it shine

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Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:14-16).

As He told disciples their role in the kingdom would then be—He tells us what our role is today. Jesus wants us to "shine our light" for God.

It's interesting He says "our" light and not the "gospel" light, the "godly" light. It is our light that we emanate. While the result of praise to God requires that it be the gospel and godly. It is "ours". The point is that no one can do it for you. Your elders. Your preachers. Your parents. Your kids. Your spouse. YOU shine your light.

Jesus goes on to describe disciples as "a city set upon a hill." If cities on hills get noticed, Christians get noticed. Everything you do gets noticed by somebody. Your words, your attitude, your actions, even where you go. It all has influence - and can influence for good if it is good.

Note: Next week we will discuss who notices.