

Devotional—day 11

"Light of the World"

You are the light of the world
You are the light of the world
But if that light's under a bushel,
It's lost something kind of crucial.
You've gotta stay bright
To be the light of the world.

You are the salt of the earth.
You are the salt of the earth.
But if that salt has lost its flavor,
It ain't got much in its favor.
You can't have that fault
And be the salt of the earth.

So let your light so shine before men.
Let your light so shine,
So that they might know some kindness again.
We all need help to feel fine.
Let's have some wine!

You are the city of God.
You are the city of God.
But if that city's on a hill,
It's kind of hard to hide it well.
You've gotta stay pretty in the city of God.

So let your light so shine before men.
Let your light so shine,
So that they might know some kindness again.
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You are the light of the world.
You are the light of the world.
But the tallest candlestick
Ain't much good without a wick.

You've gotta live right
To be the light of the world.

- *Stephen Schwartz*

Matthew 5:13-16 (The Message)

13 "Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage."

14-16 "Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven."

Time for personal reflection (Day 11):

How do I bring out the flavor of God? When people “taste” me—am I full of flavor or bland?

Have I been trying to hide my light or dim it so others may not notice?

“Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God” - Do I keep an open house? How can having an open house this summer affect my relationships with my fellow cast & crew members?

On this tour, how can I open myself to others so that God is opened to them?