

# Children of the Light

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**John 1:4-5** *In Him was life, and the life was the light of men, and the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.*

When Jesus came into the world, He came as the light to shine brightly in a world that was lost and without hope. He came to shine brightly so that we would have a well-lit path that leads to our eternal home.

Our calling in life is to be light bearers in the same way Jesus was. We are called to shine brightly in a world that has lost its way because of the cloud of darkness that is covering the earth.

**Isaiah 60:1-2** *Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you <sup>2</sup>for behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you.*

Scriptures make it clear that we are called to be spiritual warriors clad in the armor of light, a light so bright that it immediately dissipates the darkness that surrounds us, as Paul mentions in his letter to the Corinthians. He says, *"For it is God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."*<sup>1</sup>

**Romans 13:12** *The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore, let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.*



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<sup>1</sup> 2 Corinthians 4:6

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As children of the light, there are many ways in which we are to allow the light to affect our lives.

- It dispels the darkness around us.
- The gospel light makes us carriers of Hope.
- It influences the people we come in contact on a daily basis.
- It illuminates our hearts with an understanding of God's word.
- It acts as a shield to the evil and wickedness around us.
- It empowers us to overcome darkness.
- It ignites passion and purpose.
- It exposes what we could never see on our own.
- The light of the gospel awakens our identity.

**We are not to hide the light God has put in us.** People often say this phrase means, “Don’t downplay your gifts,” but the truth runs deeper. Light only fulfills its purpose when it is allowed to shine. In a world full of shadows, even the smallest spark can shift the atmosphere. But cover that spark—bury it under fear, insecurity, or false humility—and it becomes useless. The light still exists, but its impact is lost.

When we hide who God made us to be, we are silencing our voice. When we shrink back from our calling, it is like wearing a mask that hides the beauty, wisdom, and grace He placed inside us. It is like wearing a disguise over our God-given radiance. We are present but not seen, alive, but not fully living, gifted, but not giving, and called, but not stepping out.

***Ephesians 5:8-11*** *And for you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord, walk, as children of the light, (for the fruit of the spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And I have no fellowship with the unfruitful, works of darkness, but rather expose them.*

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**Here's the challenge:** We need to stop letting the bushel win and dim what Heaven ignited. We need to stop apologizing for the light God entrusted to us.

The world does not need a muted version of who God has called us to be. It needs us to express Him in all His glory, to emanate His presence wherever we go. God has empowered and anointed us to let our lights break forth to reveal, guide, warn, and awaken the world around us to the darkness that is encompassing the hearts of men, women, and children everywhere, because when you shine, darkness loses ground.