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Praising the Father, Raising His Children, Reaching the World

Christians as the Light of the World

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Description:	This sermon is the concluding part of the series on "Making Positive Impacts Through Direct Contact."

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness" - 2 Timothy 3:16

Sermon Transcript

Introduction

Certain truths are evident in the message of Jesus to disciples. They are presented here as 5 'p's of the light of the world.

1. Power (John 15:5): Light requires power. Most lights are powered by something else. They are not independent. Every Christian should understand that without Jesus Christ they have no light in them. Hence, they must remain connected to Jesus – their powerhouse always through personal devotion, corporate worship, effective prayer life, meditation on the Word of God, evangelism, holiness, righteousness, etc. The moment you disconnect yourself from Christ you begin to lose your efficiency and relevance.
2. Purpose: In Luke 4:17-19 Jesus clearly stated the purpose of his life and ministry. This He pursued throughout his lifetime. The essence of every lamp is to light up their surroundings. A lamp that cannot illuminate its environment is useless. Christians have the duty to dispel darkness which can be in the form power of darkness or the moral evil

in their society. This they do through their nature and the power vested in them to do good works that are beneficial to the world around them.

3. Presence: Luke 8:26-39 narrates how Jesus transformed the mad man of Gadarenes. Jesus met the man at grave site where he lives. The woman with issue of blood came in contact with Jesus (Luke 8:43-48). Light does not illuminate by proxy. Every lamp brightens its immediate environment. Its present location is its scope of operation. No one expects a lamp in a particular city to light up another. It is impossible. Your present location is your primary place of ministry. Wherever God establishes you is your ministry field. That's where you are expected to make impact. If He relocates you to another place then your ministry is also transferred.

4. Position: God positioned Moses in the palace of Pharaoh in order to be the light to his fellow Israelites. In the prison Joseph was rightly positioned by God to minister to his fellow prisoners. Lamps are strategically positioned to illuminate their surroundings. A lamp can be stationed on a lampstand, mounted on the ceiling or the wall. Such positioning puts the lamp at a vantage point to function effectively. Lamps are not meant to be hidden. God usually places His children in certain positions to impact their society. Your present position is a platform for global impact. Shine forth!

5. Profit: Profits are made after successful trades. The duty of every Christian is to glorify God. The positive impacts you make in the lives of people around glorify God more than your halleluyah chorus in the church. A life that does not glorify God is a monumental loss. When you glorify God through your impactful living be assured that great gain awaits you. Joseph impacted Pharaoh's chief cup-bearer and he was rewarded with freedom from the prison. Also, he influenced the fortune of the whole Egypt and was made the prime minister. You cannot serve God in vain. He is ever faithful. He will reward you.

Conclusion

So far, we have examined Christians as the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Christians do not need to desire or pray to have a world of their own. Christ did not raise us to live in isolation. Rather, we are being discipled to live in the world and transform it through our lifestyle. Both the salt and the light impact by direct contact. Therefore, Christians should not run away from the evil and decay of the society. They should maintain direct contact with the world but, with caution so that they don't get contaminated by such contact. Friends, you have all it takes to transform any corrupt or evil society. Arise, shine your light has come!

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"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." - Matthew 18:20