

Let Your Light Shine

I find myself writing December newsletter on January 1st. I had started several days ago when I was visiting friends in Oklahoma. It didn't get finished because of some unexpected changes in my plans. Traveling always wears me out. I didn't have the energy to finish the newsletter when I first got back home. Sometimes when my writing gets delayed, God is telling me to write about something different. Not this time. The change in plans in Oklahoma only reinforced the theme of the newsletter.

We are all winding down from this year's Christmas season. Hopefully all your hustle and bustle is coming to a close. This time of year naturally brings about reflection. There are positive and negative experiences associated with any anniversary time. This is traditionally a time for families. Whether we like it or not our unconscious is triggered. There are so many things to write or talk about this time of year. Every thing from Christ's birth to Santa filling stocking to egg nog. I was sadden when I heard the statistics regarding what people in the United states believed about Christmas. I was saddened about what the statistics tells us where our or hearts are at this time of year. I don't have the reference because I was driving when I heard the statistic. I haven't been able to find the source to be exact. The report indicated that for 90% of the people surveyed, Jesus was not the focus of their Christmas celebration.

I attended Christmas Eve service with my mother. This is a tradition for me that I rarely miss. We attend services at the church where I was raised. This always brings back many memories of me growing up in the church. I truly love the candlelight service. There is something about the lighting of candles. The obvious symbolism is that Jesus is the light of the world. "The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light, those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined." Isaiah 9:2 the prophet. I suggest reading Isaiah 9:2-7. The light gradually takes over the darkness. The light's source is the Christ candle.

Our light in the world is our love. Our source for love is Jesus. The darkness in the world is fear. Our light of love will over come the fear. "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love." 1 John 4:18. By simply loving others where they're at, we spread our light. Seems too simple, but it's true. So let your light shine where ever you go. There's a song children sing at vacation Bible school and at church camp. I think the name of it is "This Little Light of Mine". Just believe in the light. The message of love is powerful.

I want to thank those of you who bought my book, Christian Parent Wisdom. I appreciate the feed back I've received. Help me spread the word of God through this resource. Look for upcoming specials and new products. I am working on relaxation and focusing CD's for children.

In Christ,

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