

A young child with dark skin and hair is shown from the chest up, holding a lit candle. The child is wearing a dark, textured sweater. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the candle, which casts a warm, yellow glow on the child's face and sweater. The background is dark with some out-of-focus light spots. In the top left corner, there is a small red horizontal bar.

Let Your Light Shine

This is not an option

Introduction

- In our culture, the word “let” implies a permission to happen, or an allowance for something to happen.
- In Biblical terminology, the word implies a doing rather than an allowing.
- So this is really not an option as many seem to treat it that way.

Matthew 5:16

**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.**





Reason To Let It Shine

- **As Christians, it is our duty to set a proper example.**
- **It is also our duty to show people the way,**
- **And it is our duty to warn people of the dangers ahead.**

- **Genesis 1:17** “God placed the lights in the expanse of the sky to shine on the earth”.
- **Numbers 6:25** “The LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you”;
- **Judges 5;31** “May all your enemies perish like this, O LORD! But may those who love you shine like the rising sun at its brightest!”



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- **Job 22:28** “Whatever you decide on a matter, it will be established for you, and light will shine on your ways”.
- **Isaiah 58:8** “Then your light will shine like the sunrise; your restoration will quickly arrive; your godly behavior will go before you, and the LORD’s splendor will be your rear guard”.
- **Isaiah 60:19** “The sun will no longer supply light for you by day nor will the moon’s brightness shine on you; the LORD will be your permanent source of light-- the splendor of your God will shine upon you”.

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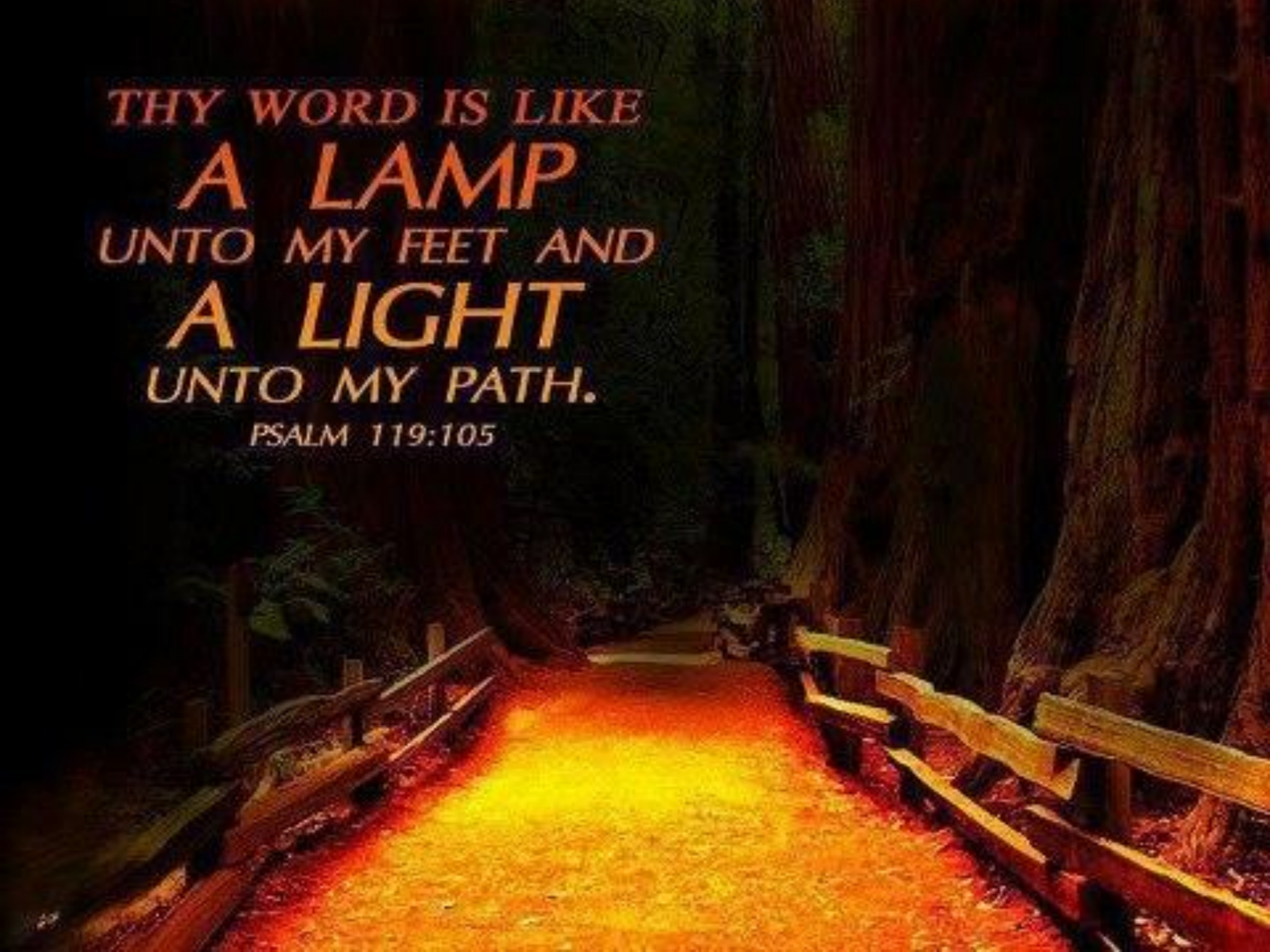


- **Daniel 12:3** “But the wise will shine like the brightness of the heavenly expanse. And those bringing many to righteousness will be like the stars forever and ever”.
- **2 Corinthians 4:6** “For God, who said ‘let light shine out of darkness,’ is the one who shined in our hearts to give us the light of the glorious knowledge of God in the face of Christ”.

- **Ephesians 5:14** “For everything made evident is light, and for this reason it says: ‘Awake, O sleeper! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you’”.
- **Philippians 2:15** “so that you may be blameless and pure, children of God without blemish though you live in a crooked and perverse society, in which you shine as lights in the world”.



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A photograph of a narrow path in a dark forest. The path is illuminated by a bright, warm light, possibly from a lantern or a fire, creating a glowing orange and yellow path. The path is bordered by a rustic wooden fence made of logs and branches. The trees are tall and dark, with their trunks visible on either side of the path. The overall atmosphere is mysterious and serene.

THY WORD IS LIKE
A LAMP
UNTO MY FEET AND
A LIGHT
UNTO MY PATH.

PSALM 119:105

Isaiah 2:5

- **“Come, house of Jacob, and let us walk in the light of the LORD”.**



John 1:6-9

The True Light

- **There came a man, sent from God, whose name was John. He came for a witness, that he might bear witness of the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came that he might bear witness of the light.**

There was the true light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.

John 8:12

- Again therefore Jesus spoke to them saying, **“I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life”.**

Ephesians 5:8-10

“for you were formerly darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth), trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord”.



1 John 1:5-6

And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth”.

1 John 1:7

- **But if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

Conclusion

- We who are Christians have the light.
- It is our Bibles, our faith, and our LORD.
- Our light is to be a reflection of Jesus Christ.
- God wants everyone to come to the true light.
- Everyone should know where the true light is.
- Once we acquire the light, we must share it.
- Don't put it under the basket (Matthew 5:15)