

*“Ye are the Light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. **Let YOUR LIGHT So Shine** before men, that they may see your Good Works (obedience), and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.” **Matthew 5:14-16 KJV***



When believers fail to bear witness to the world of their faith by obeying God’s Word, they are hiding their Light in the darkness! God is invisible to unbelievers, but we are not. If our obedience is invisible, so is our faith. You want men to praise and glorify God? Obey Him! Jesus said just before His ascension; *“Ye shall be witnesses unto Me.”* Our obedience to God’s Word is the visible *“Light of the world. For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of POWER, and of Love, and of a sound mind. Nay, in all these things we are MORE THAN CONQUERORS through Him that Loved us. As many as received Him, to them gave He POWER to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. Now the God of Hope fill you with all Joy and Peace in believing, that ye may abound in Hope, through the Power of the Holy Ghost.”* Our POWER comes from our Peace and Joy IN BELIEVING God! If you believe God, you’ll obey God! Is your faith evidence of God? Or is your Light *“under a bushel?”* Disobedience is the defining characteristic of unbelief. *“For the time past of our life...when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you: But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the Hope that is in you with meekness and fear: Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.”* Men will not ask of your Hope if you do not exhibit your Hope through obedience. Cheerful obedience of God’s Word is the visible evidence, the Light, of the invisible God that will lend credence to the Gospel when you share it with the lost!

The unseen Light cannot guide men,
Away from darkness and their sin,
Our timid faith denies our Lord;
The great Salvation in His Word! –CGP

Disobedience to God’s Word is the *“bushel”* that hides our Light. Words of faith have no meaning if concealed by disobedience. You may be on your way to Heaven, but you’ll lead no one else there if you hide your Light! Will your disobedience send a loved one to Hell? Will they see your hypocrisy and mock your God? Men deny what they cannot see. Do you make God visible to dying men? If Moses had not raised the brazen serpent for all to see, thousands would have perished! *“And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died. Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, ‘We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.’ And Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said unto Moses, ‘Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.’ And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived. As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up.”* Does your life uplift Christ?

“If we say that we have fellowship with [God], and walk in darkness (disobedience), we lie, and do not the Truth: But if we walk in the Light, as He is in the Light, we have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.” 1 John 1:6-7 KJV