

"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." 2 Corinthians 4:6-7 KJV

A lighthouse stands to hold the beacon aloft for all to see in all weather. In the old days, an oil lamp was used. In the modern era, electricity often powers the lamp. It sits atop a rotating platform, and lenses are used to focus the beam as it travels outward. It is a warning beacon of danger, and a sure navigation point for all vessels. The lighthouse is not the light. It simply displays it. The Gospel of Jesus Christ on our lips does the same. We must proclaim the liberating news of eternal Life to all, indiscriminate of hearer. Truth is what draws the seeker. If a man will not be persuaded by Truth, he will not be persuaded by you. The Truth must not only flow from our speech, but from our lives, also. If you don't obey God, why would another be convinced of the veracity of your speech? The only voice they hear is that of "*the preacher*" of the Gospel. God's Word can only be heard by lost men from the lips of the believer. *"How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!' But they have not all obeyed the Gospel. For Esaias saith, 'Lord, who hath believed our report?' So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."* Jesus said, *"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."* Oil must be in constant supply, so our lamps continue to burn brightly. *"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."* God's Word is the "*mind of Christ*" the same as your word is your mind. You must think it before you speak it. If trash is on your lips, trash is in your mind! We clean our minds through study of and meditation on God's Word. Jesus said, *"Now ye are clean through the Word which I have spoken unto you."* We must keep our soul's lenses of free of unclean thoughts which would hinder others from clearly seeing the "*Hope that lies within us.*" We must keep our lives trimmed of all that would diminish the Beacon of hope which provides sure navigation. *"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true...honest...just...pure...lovely...of good report; if there be any virtue...any praise, THINK ON THESE THINGS. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye DO them."* Believer's lives and words of Truth are the points of light that guide lost souls in the storms of life safely into the eternal harbor of God! If we talk like the world and live like the world, they'll never see our Light!



Like a beacon in the night,
We must be for others bright,
Letting Christ our source of Light,
Show to all the Way that's right. ~CGP

The sole purpose of a lighthouse is an unfailing navigation beacon. It exists for no other reason. The keeper lives a life committed to tending the Light. *"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."* Life revolves around the duties of the light's steady glow in the darkness of sin. Countless lives you will never meet depend on your faithfulness. The Gospel Truth is the difference between forever lost or forever found!

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16 KJV