

## LIGHT OF THE WORLD

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So many people have a desire to be recognized and often spend endless time looking for their fifteen minutes of fame. I believe the reason why there is such a crave for shows like "X Factor", "The Voice", and "American Idol" is the desire for one to be discovered to the point of fame. Perhaps in the eyes of the world, famous people are the light of the world because it would appear they shine the most as they receive the most attention. However, when one reads the word of God it is discovered that one's fame does not give the position of being the light of the world.

In reality, the first person to be called the light of the world is Jesus when he spoke the words, "As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am

the light of the world,"- John 9:4-5. It is also revealed that those who are followers of Christ take on this same position and are considered as "the light of the world," (Matthew 5:14) as also spoken by Jesus when delivering the Sermon on the Mount. This means that each of us who are committed to living our lives for Christ are already noticeable in the world, provided we are following the example Jesus has provided. We don't need to wait for cameras, stage, script and lighting and an audience to give us applause for us to shine. We are brighter than any superstar of our day and more valuable to society than any one you can name.

So, the next time the thought comes to you that you are not useful, not known, and/or not needed, discard it immediately. The negative thought comes from a dark place that wants to put your light out. Change your thinking to the truth. The truth is, You are the Light of the World and that's backed up by Jesus!

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