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Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12 (ESV)

The Light Of My Life Makes A Difference

Live in the world with a <u>lifestyle</u> that is different from the world.

Therefore do not become <u>partners</u> with them; Ephesians 5:7 (ESV) Sexual Immorality

I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. 1 Corinthians 5:9–10 (ESV)

God puts me in <u>dark places</u> so the light of my lifestyle can shine.

for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord... Ephesians 5:8 (ESV) But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that <u>you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light</u>. 1 Peter 2:9 (ESV)

How do I shine in a dark place?

...Walk as children of light. (For the fruit of light is found in <u>all that is good</u> and <u>right</u> and <u>true</u>) and <u>try to find out what pleases the Lord</u>. Ephesians 5:8-10 (ESV)

- Goodness
- Rightness
- Truth
- Whatever Pleases the Lord

<u>The way of the wicked is like deep darkness;</u> they do not know over what they stumble. Proverbs 4:19 (ESV)

How does God use the light of my lifestyle?

1. The light of my life exposes sin in lives around me.

Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, Ephesians 5:11-13 (ESV)

2. The light of my life draws people to Christ.

for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." Ephesians 5:13–14 (ESV)

God uses the light of my lifestyle to reach the world.

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