

people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” (NIV)

When Jesus spoke these words I am sure that He did not intend them only for children. It might suit some of us to believe there is a time frame in life when these words only apply and that we senior citizens have out grown this period of life. Search as you may, I do not believe you will find the exemption you are hoping to find anywhere in the Bible. Some of us may even ask the fundamental question, “How can I shine?” I am glad you asked. I will try to keep this simple and straight forward. Let us start with ABC.

A-Attitude. Eighty to ninety percent of our problems are caused by our attitude. By changing our way of talking to other people and showing them respect in every situation would certainly give our life a bit of shine. A good place to practice this new way of living is right here in our Church. I am sure that it would be much appreciated by those with whom you come in contact.

B-Bible. Please, please read it. If you suffer from insomnia, are frustrated, have anger problems, or are just plain fed up with it all, read your Bible. It gives God a golden opportunity to speak to you with a wisdom that will enlighten and surprise you. The peace that passes all understanding will invade your soul and you will get a bigger and broader perspective on life.

C-Caring. When you genuinely care for others your self-esteem is the big winner. Be a good listener and focus on the concerns of others. If their problems are more important to you than yours, all of a sudden your problems fade away. Praying for them and their troubles could change their lives for the better. Putting others first was the way Christ lived and attracted people to follow Him. People avoid whiners.

Look around in the Church and try to find a way that you can shine. Sing in the choir, serve on the board of managers or as an elder, show up for clean-up day, come out for Bible study, help in Sunday School, PRAY. There are many opportunities waiting for you to ramp up your candle power. You will be the big winner in the long run and this Church will become even more of a shining light in the community of Bobcaygeon.

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Just think

CHRISTIAN THOUGHT

Just think, you're here not by chance, but by GOD's choosing. His hand formed you and made you the person you are. HE compares you to no one else- you are one of a kind. You lack nothing that HIS grace can't give you. HE has allowed you to be here at this time in history to fulfill His special purpose for this generation.
-Roy Lessin.