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You light a lamp for me. The LORD, my God, lights up my darkness. Psalm 18:28 (NLT)

Thought for today...

Are we beacons of light? The WordWeb dictionary gives the following definition of a beacon: **Noun:** beacon. **1.** A fire (usually on a hill or tower), that can be seen from a distance. **2.** A radio station that broadcasts a directional signal for navigational purposes. **3.** A tower with a light that gives warning of shoals to passing ships.

Matthew 5:14-16 reminds us that “You are the light of the world - like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your Heavenly Father.” (New Living Translation)

In the landscape in which we now find ourselves, it is evident that many people are worried and confused, and are searching for truth, hope and a light at the end of a very dark tunnel.

The verses above indicate that as followers of Christ, we are to carry out the same function as beacons.



Given the dictionary definition of a beacon, what if we as Christians were to live our lives in such a way that others were able to give evidence that our light could be seen from a distance?



What if we were to broadcast Christ's signal and navigate others towards Him? What an impact that would have on those within reaching distance! And with the advance of technology, we now have a myriad of ways available to us to increase our reaching distance, and allow our light to shine.

As the beacon gives warning of shoals to passing ships, we too must also give warning - of the consequences of the choice not to follow Christ.

For those who may be peering into the darkness, longing for a glimpse of light, Jesus says "I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness." John 12:46 (NIV),

For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! Ephesians 5:8 (NLT)

