



SEE IT

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

OBEY IT

There are four ways our good works glorify our Father as our text says.

- 1. Our good works can be like a beacon light at an airport that gives direction to planes wanting to land safely.** Our words, actions and attitude can reveal our Father in heaven and glorify Him.
- 2. Our good works can be like a light illuminating this dark world.** Our words, actions and attitude can light this dark world and show what is right and wrong, thus glorifying our Father.
- 3. Our good works can be like the safety lights installed in areas of criminal activity.** Our generosity can reveal greed, our love can reveal hate and prejudices, our kindness can reveal rudeness, our faith in God can reveal disparity and lack of trust, our assurance in salvation reveals the fear of the future, our hope reveals hopelessness, our faith in the living Jesus reveals the dead hope of those whose leaders are dead and we could go on and on as we live our faith today to glorify our Father and make our world safer and better place.
- 4. Our good works reveals Jesus the Light of this world.** A Christian is Christ like. By our words, actions and attitude we reveal Jesus and glorify our Father.

SHARE IT

1. Visit an animal shelter.
2. Visit an orphanage or shelter with some goodies.
3. Invite a neighbor over for dinner with your family.

My Prayer Today: For people looking for light.

1. That God will use me to share the light in practical tangible ways.
2. That people that want the light will find the light through my love.

My Thoughts _____



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Psalm 143:10 "Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; may Your good Spirit lead me on level ground."

OBEY IT

Now, God has asked us to serve our community. Are we willing to obey Him? There are three reasons why obedience is important:

- 1. Obedience is for our protection.** "Get down on the ground!" was the missionary's command to his son. They had been in Africa for just a few months and had gone for a walk away from the village. The son walked towards a tree to seek some shelter from the heat. The father saw a Black Mamba ready to strike his son. The father knew that its bite was 100 percent lethal. He called out to his son, "Get down on the ground." The son had no idea why his father asked him to do so, but because he loved and respected his father, he promptly obeyed. It was that obedience that saved the young man's life. The same way, obedience to God as we serve others protects us from one of our greatest enemies: greed and self.
- 2. Obedience is also for our progression.** What God desires for us is for our good. When He asks us to obey, it is to help us grow and progress to a more enhanced life. When we obey Him and serve others, we grow. Simple, yet true.
- 3. Most importantly, our obedience is proof of our love for God.** "Whoever has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me." John 14:21. When we don't obey, we are putting ourselves and our desires above our love for God. The paradox of this reality is that the more we love God and put Him before our desires, the more blessed our lives will be. The more we seek for ourselves, the less we will have. The proof is in the service.

SHARE IT

1. Leave a collection of positive news clippings in a waiting room.
2. Turn off a leaky faucet, flush a toilet, clean a sink.
3. Babysit for a single parent or a young couple so that they can have a night out.

My Prayer Today:

Lord, help me be obedient to your will. I want to serve those around me today. Help me do that. Amen.

My Thoughts _____
