



How Bright is the Light of Your Life?

Matthew 5:14: (NASB) *You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.*



Our world is in great need of many things. We need to learn to listen to those with whom we disagree, we need to be merciful and understanding, yet we also need to be firm and just. We also need to find light. Not just any light, we need to find the purest life-giving and revealing light of truth that is available. As Christians, we know that the light of the world is Jesus, but what we need to learn is how to use that light, how to be clear reflections of that light and how to be worthy vessels of that light.

There are hundreds of Scriptures that talk about light, but they do not all talk about the same thing.

What are the “building blocks” to light up our lives in a Christian way?

The “Light Up Your life” Building Blocks:

1. Find light and identify what kind of light will guide your life
2. Learn how to use that light
3. Learn how to reflect that light
4. Learn how to be a vessel from which that light shines

1. Find light and identify what kind of light will guide your life:

Let's start understanding light in the most basic and obvious place - the very beginning:

Genesis 1:1-5: (NASB) *¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. ³Then God said, Let there be light; and there was light. ⁴God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.*



The introduction of light was the first and **MOST IMPORTANT** step in all of creation! Without light, nothing else would have happened.



There are different lights for different tasks:

Genesis 1:14-19: (NASB) ¹⁴Then God said, Let there be **lights** (plural) in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years; ¹⁵and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth; and it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night; He made the stars also. ¹⁷God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸and to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good. ¹⁹There was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.



There are three distinct lights, two of which are our light sources:

- **Sun:** The direct light and energy source that fosters all earthly life
- **Moon:** A reflective light to guide us while darkness prevails
- **Stars:** The far off direct lights of other parts of God's universe

Do the Scriptures tie in any lessons for us here?

Malachi 4:2: (NASB) *But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall.*

So, the sun can show us the Son? The brightness of the sun has a healing effect; the brightness of the Son also has a dramatic healing effect.

The prophecy about John the Baptist to his father, Zachariah:

Luke 1:76-79: (NASB) ⁷⁶And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; For you will go on before the Lord to prepare His ways; ⁷⁷To give to His people the knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins, ⁷⁸because of the tender mercy of our God, with which the sunrise from on high will visit us, ⁷⁹To shine upon those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

As the advent of Jesus was preparing, John the Baptist's work is described as *the sunrise from on high* - we get a sense of the physical sun as being a picture of the great light of Jesus.

If the sun is the Son, what is the moon? It is not even a real source of light!

The contrast between light and darkness:

Proverbs 4:18-19: (NASB) ¹⁸But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, that shines brighter and brighter until the full day. ¹⁹The way of the wicked is like darkness; they do not know over what they stumble.

On *the path of the righteous*, we are supposed to grow and mature. But what about *those who sit in darkness* in Luke 1:79?

Once sin entered, it became the standard. But God had a plan to remove that standard over time.

One of the first steps in that plan was of necessity to *identify* sin:

Romans 3:19-20: (KJV) ¹⁹Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. ²⁰Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for **by the law is the knowledge of sin.** (The Law Covenant that God gave through Moses to Israel.)

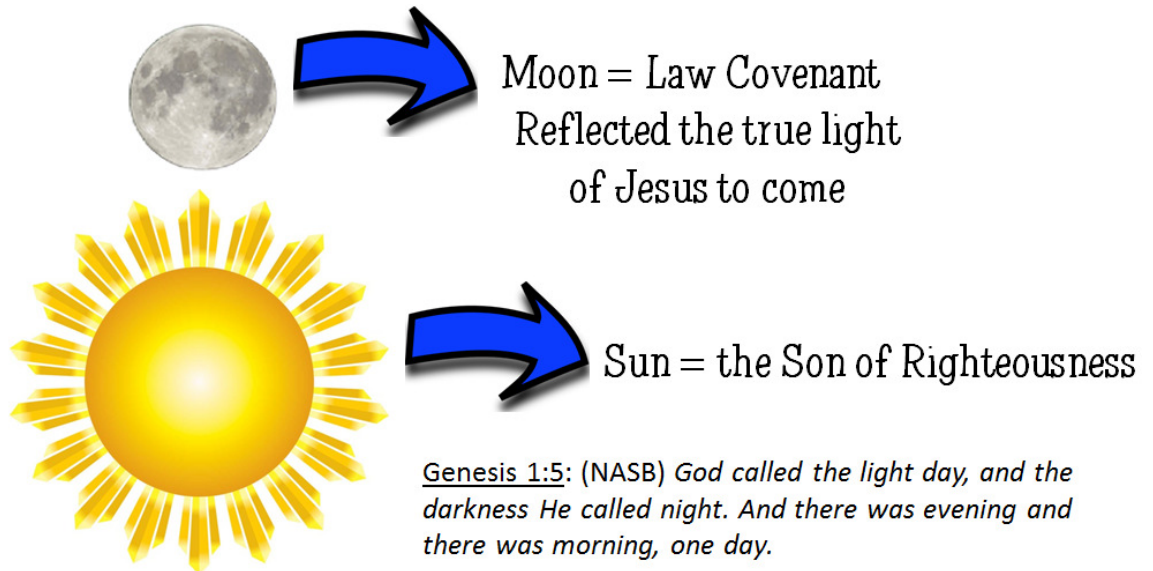


Even in the dark, the moon is a visible light to expose the darkness for what it is. The moon is a dim reflection of the sun when it can't be seen, just as the Law (Moses) was a dim reflection of the Son (Jesus) before *he* could be seen...

Moses was a picture of the Law being delivered. Jesus is the actual deliverer of righteousness and healing. The Law was a true reflection of Jesus.

Genesis 1:5: (NASB) *God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.*

Why was evening first? This is speculation, but perhaps the light of the moon, for the sake of humankind, was the first light they saw - the light of the Law to identify what sin was. This would be a reflection of the sun that would rise later.



Mankind would figuratively see the evening moon (the Law) first.

The light we want for our lives? The pure light of the sun/Son.

2. Learn how to use that light

Use the light as a tool for our strength and benefit.

 **Take action, *The Science of Positive Focus*, Brian Tracy**

- You see, the major difference between successful people and failures is that successful people are action orientated and failures are not. Now, if you take action only two things can happen. What are they? Succeed or fail. It's pretty simple. If you succeed, you do more of it. If you fail what do you do? You learn something and you*





try something else. Human beings are trial and failure organisms. We try and fail, try and fail, try and fail, try and fail and then try and succeed. Phil Knight, the president of Nike shoes says, "You only have to succeed the last time."

The light of our lives must provoke us to action. If it doesn't, then it is not the light of our lives; it is light *in* our lives.

The light is a tool that shows us the way: Carry it!

Psalms 119:105: (NASB) *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

You do not walk a dark path and leave the light at home! Carry the light because the world in which we live is very dark.

John 8:12: (NASB) *Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, I am the Light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.*



The light is a tool that gives us great confidence: Believe in it!

Psalms 27:1: (NASB) *The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the defense of my life; whom shall I dread?*



No hope, Eeyore quotes (Winnie the Pooh)



- Not much of a house. Just right for not much of a donkey. End of the road. Nothing to do and no hope of things getting better. Sounds like Saturday night at my house.*

Do we at any time in our Christian lives become "Eeyore"?

The light is a tool that feeds us and kindles a positive outlook: Absorb it!

Psalms 97:10-12: (NASB) ¹⁰*Hate evil, you who love the LORD, who preserves the souls of His godly ones; He delivers them from the hand of the wicked. ¹¹Light is sown like seed for the righteous and gladness for the upright in heart. ¹²Be glad in the LORD, you righteous ones, and give thanks to His holy name.*

The light itself is a tool of defense - it is armor: Wear it!

Romans 13:12-14: (NASB) ¹²*The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.*

Use the light as a tool for the strength and benefit of others, as well.

The light is a tool that opens people's minds: Reveal it!

Luke 2:25-33: (NASB) ²⁵*And there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him.*

God's power and influence gave His mind a light, which was above his natural ability.





²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for him the custom of the Law, ²⁸then he took him into his arms, and blessed God, and said, ²⁹Now Lord, You are releasing Your bond-servant to depart in peace, according to Your word; ³⁰For my eyes have seen Your salvation, ³¹Which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²A Light of revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel. ³³And his father and mother were amazed at the things, which were being said about him.

What zeal we should show with the Gospel message! The light of revelation was a new discovery for those Gentiles who were previously in the dark. Light provides energy!



Keep trying, The Science of Positive Focus, Brian Tracy

- *And you know, if you read every single story of every single man or woman who's ever accomplished anything, their entire life is a lifetime of failure. It is failure, failure, failure, failure, failure, outstanding success. Boy, wasn't he lucky! You'll find that successful people try far more things, and most of the things you try won't work at least they won't work initially. So therefore, the thing is to keep trying because you have a cybernetic organism or mechanism built into your brain. Which means every time you try anything you learn something. You're trying something and you're learning something, and you learn what works and you learn what doesn't work. So, you find there's a direct relationship between the number of times you try and how likely it is you are to triumph.*



A caller from Connecticut contributes: I am a positive person but come from a negative family. Whenever I go back to visit them, they always make fun of me and call me "goody two shoes" or "Pollyanna." They always tried to bring me down so I had to distance myself.

Sometimes when light is not welcome, we have to move on in a respectful way. Life experiences might make them ready for light at some point. It doesn't mean we stop shining our light and give up. Maybe we focus in a different direction.

The light is a tool that uncovers hidden realities: Come to it!

John 3:16-21: (NASB) ¹⁶For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

This plan of light had been in place for all the ages of man's creation, waiting for the right time.

¹⁸He who believes in him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. ¹⁹This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. ²¹But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.

There is no hiding under the brightness of the light - under the brightness of the authority of Jesus. The light makes plain what we do and who we are. For all mankind, this is not necessarily a welcomed response. But the light will shine brighter and brighter. In the resurrection of judgment, it will give those people an opportunity to understand for the first time.



"Nobody wants to be my friend," (first verse) Eeyore



*Nobody wants to be my friend
What's a donkey to do?
Nobody wants to be my friend
Except for Winnie the Pooh
But that's all
Except for Winnie the Pooh
He's the only one*

That song continues with the next verse adding Piglet as his friend and so on, describing a large group of friends. Eeyore is not looking at all the little things as adding up to something big. We can choose how we look at life around us. If we choose to look through the eyes of light, we see the brightness the light brings. If we choose to look through the eyes of darkness, we see clouds and things that are scary. Fear paralyzes. Don't be Eeyore! Be focused on using the light as a tool to benefit ourselves and others.

**The light is a tool that reveals the most important parts of Christ-likeness:
Apply it!**

1 John 2:8-11: (NASB) ⁸*On the other hand, I am writing a new commandment to you, which is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true Light is already shining.* ⁹*The one who says he is in the Light and yet hates his brother is in the darkness until now.* ¹⁰*The one who loves his brother abides in the Light and there is no cause for stumbling in him.* ¹¹*But the one who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going because the darkness has blinded his eyes.*

This describes the process of darkness passing away and light shining. John tells us that to be in the light is something we have to apply in every aspect of our lives. God's plan is big enough to provide an opportunity for those blinded to see the light in the future.





Before the next application of light, this next text should serve as a sober warning regarding the light that we choose to follow:

Isaiah 5:20-23: (NASB) ²⁰Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! ²¹Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight! ²²Woe to those who are heroes in drinking wine and valiant men in mixing strong drink, ²³Who justify the wicked for a bribe, and take away the rights of the ones who are in the right!

3. Learn how to reflect that light

When we reflect something, we are standing in its path and are being used by that which we reflect to pass its message, be it good or evil, to those around us. As in the last text, we may not be the one substituting darkness for light, but are we in any way reflecting that substitution?



A caller from Connecticut contributes: When work people were in meetings, they would only tell "off color" stories if our caller left the room.

This is a perfect example of our reflecting back light - has something similar happened to us or do we reflect back whatever is around us?

This next songwriter and singer has been blind since the age of three. She can "see" the light spiritually but not physically.



"Be Thou My Vision," (Verse 1) Ginny Owens

Be Thou my vision, O, Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

How can we be an effective reflector of light?

Seek and be familiar with the source:

Psalms 89:14-16: (NASB) ¹⁴Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Lovingkindness and truth go before You. ¹⁵How blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! O LORD, they walk in the light of Your countenance. ¹⁶In Your name they rejoice all the day, and by Your righteousness they are exalted.

Walking in His light affords us the opportunity to reflect His light! It must shine on you for you to have the ability to reflect it. Do we allow the darkness of the world to shine on us or do we solely allow the light of the Gospel to shine on us?



"Be Thou My Vision," (Verse 2) Ginny Owens

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art



Always keep the most important thing the most important thing - the Gospel of Christ!

2 Corinthians 4:3-6: (NASB) ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, ⁴in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, Light shall shine out of darkness, is the one who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

Jesus reflects everything God is. We get the strength from His light. Preach the Gospel of Jesus, not the Gospel of prosperity! Be bound to the true message, because it reflects from the inside out!

Be a copycat!



As Children of Light, have the expectation to follow and imitate the steps of Jesus:

1 Thessalonians 5:4-8: (NASB) ⁴But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief; ⁵for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness; ⁶so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober. ⁷For those who sleep do their sleeping at night, and those who get drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we are of the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation.

What is the difference between reflecting the light of Jesus and bearing the light of Jesus?

Realize that true fellowship can only grow as we grow closer to the likeness of Jesus:

1 John 1:7: (NASB) *but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.*

The closer we get to the source of light, the closer we get to each other.

*The hero is the one who kindles a great light in the world,
who sets up blazing torches in the dark streets of life for men to see by.
The saint is the man who walks through the dark paths of the world, himself a light. ~Felix Adler*

This verse transitions from being reflective of the light to actually bearing the light:

Isaiah 60:1-3: (NASB) ¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. (reflecting) ²For behold, darkness will cover the earth and deep darkness the peoples; But the LORD will rise upon you and His glory will appear upon you. (We have been reflecting the light up until now...) ³Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.



"Be Thou My Vision," (Verse 3) Ginny Owens

High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O, bright heav'ns Son
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O, Ruler of all



4. Learn how to be a vessel from which that light shines

To be a vessel of the light is to have found it, understood it, applied it and reflected it. Now, maturity dictates that we carry it, that we become its very conduit as a witness to all. It literally shines through us!

Psalms 37:4-6: (NASB) *⁴Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of your heart. ⁵Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He will do it. ⁶He will bring forth your righteousness as the light and your judgment as the noonday.*

When we delight in something, it motivates our life and affects all aspects of it.

Matthew 5:13-14: (NASB) *¹³You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. ¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden;*



"A Light on a Hill," (Verse 1) Jenny Phillips

You are just one light in the darkness
Traveling by faith
But just one light
Is hope to the ones who've lost their way
You are a light on a hill
It cannot be hidden
Cannot be still
Sharing His light
'Til the whole world is filled
You are a light on a hill

If there is any light at all, people in darkness will gravitate towards it. Light challenges fear.

The culmination of the Christian experience - to BE the light that the world can see and hope in!

Matthew 5:15-16: (NASB) *¹⁵nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.*

To truly be a Christian is to be the light of Christ.

Luke 11:33: (NASB) *No one, after lighting a lamp, puts it away in a cellar nor under a basket, but on the lampstand, so that those who enter may see the light.*

Christians should not be secluded from the world or even hidden in plain sight - we should shine the light of truth!



A caller from Connecticut suggests: **Proverbs 15:30:** *The light of the eyes rejoices the heart and good news refreshes the body.* Grade school science tells us that when we see a color, photons of light are reflected off an object and processed by our retinas in our brain. We could see green; another creature could see gray. The brain chooses. **Genesis 1:4:** *And God saw that the light was good and God separated the light from the darkness.* The Christian chooses how to see with God's light. The neighbor is not bad but struggling to be good. The situation is not lost but has hope. Life is not gray



but is the rainbow of God's promise. **1 Peter 2:9: That you may proclaim the mighty acts of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.**

Luke 11:34-36: (NASB) ³⁴The eye is the lamp of your body; when your eye is clear, your whole body also is full of light; but when it is bad, your body also is full of darkness. ³⁵Then watch out that the light in you is not darkness. ³⁶If therefore your whole body is full of light, with no dark part in it, it will be wholly illumined, as when the lamp illumines you with its rays. *(More on this in the Bonus Material)*

Let us continually test the depth that the light has penetrated our very souls...

So, if we are to be this light, shouldn't God take away the obstacles so we can shine?



"A Light on a Hill," (Verse 2) Jenny Phillips

In a world that's lost and lonely
Heaven works through you
Bringing hope to those who are searching
For the truth
You are a light on a hill
It cannot be hidden
Cannot be still
Sharing His light
'Til the whole world is filled
You are a light on a hill.

People are looking for truth and truth is found in the light. How are we shining out the light of the Gospel in our lives? *How are we a city set upon a hill that cannot be hid?*

To be the light is to shine through the imperfections of our flesh:

2 Corinthians 4:7-11: (NASB) ⁷But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves; ⁸we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. ¹¹For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

The obstacles of life are there to continually press our humble focus towards the glow of the life of Jesus. This should be our obsession!

It is not enough to know the light or to reflect it - this text tells us that we have to become the light:

Ephesians 5:6-16: (NASB) ⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not be partakers with them; ⁸for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light.

It is like being adopted - you were once a child of the darkness of Satan but now are known by a new name - the name "Light."



⁹for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth), ¹⁰trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹**Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them;** ¹²for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things, which are done by them in secret.

Live up to your new name, for it is a royal name!

¹³But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light. ¹⁴For this reason it says, Awake, sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you. ¹⁵Therefore **be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise,** ¹⁶making the most of your time, because the days are evil.

We live in a dark place. We need to be able to shine. Christ can shine upon us as we shine out the light of the Gospel. In this way we will always have this light in abundant supply to be able to freely give it to all!

How aggressive should we be? We do not want to abuse the light and shine it in peoples' faces. Look at how Jesus and the Apostles acted. They used wisdom and humility. Remember the adage, "I would rather see a sermon than hear one."

Finally, what does one look like who exudes the light of Christ and the Gospel?

1 Peter 2:9-12: (NASB) ⁹But you are a chosen race, A royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

This light has many different facets!

¹⁰for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

This light is the embodiment of mercy and grace.

¹¹Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. ¹²Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.

This light transforms us so we may in turn be instruments of transformation for others!

The light of Christ needs to be recognized, understood, used in terms of the tools it gives us, reflected by us and then, as we grow in maturity, we need to become the glorious light on the hill that gives hope to the world. Be the light on the hill! Be obsessed with being Christ-like!

*So, how bright is the light of your life?
For Jonathan and Rick and Christian Questions,
Think about it...!*

*And now even more to think about...
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The sound eye:

Matthew 6:22-23: (ASV) ²²The lamp of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. ²³But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is the darkness!

Luke 11:34-36: (ASV) ³⁴The lamp of thy body is thine eye: when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when it is evil, thy body also is full of darkness. ³⁵Look therefore whether the light that is in thee be not darkness. ³⁶If therefore thy whole body be full of light, having no part dark, it shall be wholly full of light, as when the lamp with its bright shining doth give thee light.

Matthew 6:22:

Thine eye be single - to the Lord's glory.

Single: Strongs #573 aplouv haplous hap-looce' AV-single 2; 2
1) simple, single 2) whole 3) good fulfilling its office, sound 3a) of the eye

Simple/sincere: Strongs #1506 eilikrines (i-lik-ree-nace'); from heile (the sun's ray) and 2919; judged by sunlight, i.e. tested as genuine (figuratively): KJV-- pure, sincere.

2 Peter 3:1: (ASV) This is now, beloved, the second epistle that I write unto you; and in both of them I stir up your **sincere <1506>** mind by putting you in remembrance;

Genesis 3:6-7: (ASV) ⁶And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat; and she gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat. ⁷And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig-leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

Hebrews 12:1-3: (ASV) ¹Therefore let us also, seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, ²looking unto Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising shame, and hath sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³For consider him that hath endured such gainsaying of sinners against himself, that ye wax not weary, fainting in your souls.

A few more texts reinforcing the simple/sincere thought:

Acts 2:46: (KJV) And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart.

2 Corinthians 11:3: (KJV) But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

Ephesians 6:5: (KJV) Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ.

Colossians 3:22: (KJV) Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God:

Various Scriptures that refer to light in various applications that we did not have time to go over:

Psalms 36:7-9: (NASB) ⁷How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! And the children of men take refuge in the shadow of Your wings. ⁸They drink their fill of the abundance of Your house; And You give them to drink of the river of Your delights. ⁹For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.



Psalms 43:3-4: (NASB) ³*O send out Your light and Your truth, let them lead me; Let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling places. ⁴Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and upon the lyre I shall praise You, O God, my God.*

Matthew 6:19-24: (NASB) ¹⁹*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; ²¹for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ²²The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. ²³But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! ²⁴No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.*

Luke 8:16-18: (NASB) ¹⁶*Now no one after lighting a lamp covers it over with a container, or puts it under a bed; but he puts it on a lampstand, so that those who come in may see the light. ¹⁷For nothing is hidden that will not become evident, nor anything secret that will not be known and come to light. ¹⁸So take care how you listen; for whoever has, to him more shall be given; and whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has shall be taken away from him.*

John 1:1-13: (NASB) ¹*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and apart from him nothing came into being that has come into being. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the Light of men. ⁵The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. ⁶There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light. ⁹There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, and the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and those who were his own did not receive him. ¹²But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.*

John 12:35-36: (NASB) ³⁵*So Jesus said to them, for a little while longer the Light is among you. Walk while you have the Light, so that darkness will not overtake you; he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes. ³⁶While you have the Light, believe in the Light, so that you may become sons of Light. These things Jesus spoke, and he went away and hid himself from them.*

Romans 5:12-14: (NASB) ¹²*Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned ¹³for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. ¹⁴Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of him who was to come.*

Malachi 4:1-3: (NASB) ¹*For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff; and the day that is coming will set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall. ³You will tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day which I am preparing, says the LORD of hosts.*



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"Be Thou My Vision," Ginny Owens

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, Save that thou art.
Thou my best Thought, By day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my Light.

Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven my Treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, Save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my Light.

High King of heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my Vision O Ruler of all.
Still be my Vision O Ruler of all.