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YOUR PRESENCE MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE, PART 3

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The "WHY" questions of life are really about our purpose.

Purpose

- brings contentment
- focuses our priorities.

You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do 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 others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
Matthew 5:14-16

Your purpose is to be the _____
of the _____

- Like a city strategically placed on a hill
- Like a lamp strategically placed in a house

The purpose for our light (or good deeds) is so that others may _____

- When people see the kind of person you are, they should see the kind of God you worship.
- People should see a connection between what's going on in you, and what God is doing in the world.
- When people see your good deeds, their attention should be drawn to God, not just to how nice or kind you are.

Implications Of Being Light

1. I have been _____ placed where I am, for a purpose.

2. Ask the question...

"What can I do in my location,

- that helps people connect the dots between who I am, and who I believe in?
- that points people toward my father in heaven?
- to draw attention away from how good I am, and toward how good God is?
- so that people don't just think I'm a nice, kind person, but realize that I'm doing this because of my relationship with my father in heaven?"

Two Tips For Being Light In The Workplace

1. Listen to people's _____
 - a. Listen for the "gaps" (*I don't understand why this happened...*)
2. _____ for people you work with, specifically by name.

**All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted*