

# **"Live Your Light"**

Matthew 5:1-16

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**If we are going to influence our communities for Christ, we must...**

**A. Live counter to our culture. (Matthew 5:1-12)**

"The church cannot accept the world's self-centeredness, easy solutions, immorality, amorality, and materialism. We are called to minister to the world while being separated from its standards and ways. Sadly, however, the church today is more influenced by the world than the world is influenced by the church."

John MacArthur, *The MacArthur New Testament Commentary*,  
Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, IL, 1985, p. 239.

**B. Be the light of the world. (Matthew 5:13-14)**

**C. Let our light shine. (Matthew 5:15-16)**

"I was so afraid of being identified as a religious fanatic or a Bible banger that I often remained silent when the topic of God came up. How people saw me mattered more than how God saw me."

Rebecca Manley Pippert, *Out of the Salt Shaker and into the World*,  
InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL, 1979, p. 24.