

# Let There Be Light

Permit To Enter

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(Genesis 1:3-4) And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

(John 8:12) When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

(Matthew 5:14-16) "You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

## Closed Doors

(Revelation 3:20) "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me."

✓ Ignorance - "I don't have adequate information."

(2 Corinthians 4:4) Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.

✓ Disregard - "I understand what your saying, but I'm not interested."

(Matthew 13:12 NLT) "To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given, and they will have an abundance of knowledge. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them."

✓ Independence - "I understand what you are offering, but I can do this better on my own."

(Romans 1:21-23 MSG) People knew God perfectly well, but when they didn't treat him like God, refusing to worship him, they trivialized themselves into silliness and confusion so that there was neither sense nor direction left in their lives. They pretended to know it all, but were illiterate

regarding life. They traded the glory of God who holds the whole world in his hands for cheap figurines you can buy at any roadside stand.

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(Luke 14:27-34 MSG) "Anyone who won't shoulder his own cross and follow behind me can't be my disciple. Is there anyone here who, planning to build a new house, doesn't first sit down and figure the cost so you'll know if you can complete it? If you only get the foundation laid and then run out of money, you're going to look pretty foolish. Everyone passing by will poke fun at you: 'He started something he couldn't finish.'"

"Salt is excellent. But if the salt goes flat, it's useless, good for nothing."  
"Are you listening to this? Really listening?"

1. Surrender my heart.

(Psalm 100:1-4 NLT) Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth! Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy. Acknowledge that the Lord is God! He made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name.

2. Surrender my mind.

(Romans 8:28) And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

3. Surrender control.

(Romans 12:1-2 MSG) So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

• Trust - to firmly belief in the reliability, truth, ability, and strength of God.

• Obey - to comply with the command, direction, or request of God; to submit to the authority of God.