

The Christian and the 21st Century: Lesson Twelve

1. In Matthew 5:14, how does Jesus describe Christians? What real-world comparisons does He make in 5:14-15? In 5:16, what does He urge us to do? What does this mean for our lives?

2. Each of the passages listed below describes a responsibility we may have as Christians. For each text, identify the responsibility and explain how fulfilling the responsibility helps us shine as lights in the world.

- 1 Peter 2:13-15

- 1 Peter 2:18-19

- Romans 13:6-7

- 1 Peter 3:1-2

3. Each of the texts below describes a behavior that will cause us to shine like lights in the world. For each text, identify the behavior, discuss what each should mean for the way we live, and explain how it will help us to shine.

- Philippians 2:14-15

- 1 Peter 2:11-12

- 1 Peter 4:15-16

4. Listed below are several passages that discuss a way in which our speech should help us to shine. For each passage, identify the word or action being encouraged, explain why it is helpful, and discuss how we should practice it.

- 1 Peter 3:15

- 2 Timothy 1:7-8

- Titus 2:7-8

- 2 Timothy 2:24-26

