

Mid-week Stewardship Thought

Light in the World

Regardless of how you decorate your Christmas tree, the one essential is that it has lights—the more, the better! As you drive around your city during this Christmas time, you see homes with various reminders of the season, and the common ingredient is lights—the more, the better! As stewards who celebrate the birth of the Christ Child, we understand that these lights are but dim symbols of the One True Light, the Light of the World, Who has come into our world and into our hearts. Jesus told us, *“I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in Me may not remain in darkness”* (John 12:46).



Our celebration at Christmas is much more than the gatherings of families and friends and the exchange of gifts, although that is part of it. Our earthly celebrations have eternal roots. Before we were claimed by our Savior, we were darkness. His appearance has changed all that, and we are now *“light in the Lord.”*

Because of who we are—Christ’s redeemed called to be stewards of all His gifts—the Apostle Paul continues the statement of identity above by writing, *“For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord”* (Ephesians 5:8-10).

May the lights of this Christmas season continue to remind us of our high calling.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank You for being our light in a dark world. Grant us Your strength to be a beacon of light to others. In Your name we pray. Amen.