



REFLECTIONS

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In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

Vessels of Light

There was always something special about those stormy evenings when a lightening flash blinked the lights and darkened the house. Unexpected darkness sent us anxiously in search of light until finally someone would light a single candle. But that modest vessel of light carried much more than its flickering flame. The glow from it filled the room with peace—but not only the room. The aura calmed the home.

Everyone there seemed to embrace the peace. We sat more still. We walked more carefully. We talked more quietly and listened more intently. And one by one we began to light more candles and place them in other rooms. They added to the brightness but did not alter the mood. They spread it.

In today's stormy world we face the darkness of war, a deadly pandemic, along with suffering from poverty, addiction, immorality, and greed. Darkness sends us in search of light. And there's a place to look.

God lights candles too. You and I are his vessels of light. The storms in our world are dark, but the light we share can make them into something special. Our light can fill places with a peace to overcome all fears. Those around will sit more still, walk more carefully. They will talk more quietly and listen more intently. All from the light we carry like a single candle.

Then one by one we light more candles. They will add to the brightness, but not alter the mood.

They will spread it.

You are the light of the world,

Richard +

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