

## **SPIRITUAL TASK —THE LIGHT OF MEN** (John 1)

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**Story** “In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.”

**Meaning** The Lord brings light to mankind. In His light, we see ourselves as we really are. The Lord lights the path ahead of us so we can see how to live. We, like John the Baptist, are not the source of God's light; we merely reflect that light. We are never to present ourselves as the light to others, but are always to point them to the light of the truth. The Lord chooses us to reflect His light and truth to the world.

**Task** If a lamp doesn't help people see, it is useless. This week don't allow your light to be shut off by complacency, resentments, stubbornness, anger or denial. We have the light, all evil can ever really do is cover it up. Take a half an hour and see if something in you is extinguishing your light. Once you have uncovered something in you that was blocking your light, get rid of it and share the new light with someone you care about. Remember, the truth is clear; our ability to understand it is imperfect.

