

# The Purpose Giver

## You are the Light of the World

**Our purpose is less about us, and more about who we strive to honor.**

You are the light of the world – like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Matthew 5:14-16 NLT

The thief's purpose is to steal, kill and destroy. My purpose is to give life in all its fullness.

John 10:10 TLB

### 1. God Uses Light to Represent Something New.

#### The Creation

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Genesis 1:1-5 ESV

But for you who fear my name, the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in his wings. And you will go free, leaping with joy like calves let out to pasture.

Malachi 4:2 TLB

### 2. God Uses Light as a Promise of Hope.

#### The Star

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi (wise men) from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”  
Matthew 2:1-2 NIV

I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.  
John 12:46 NIV

### **3. God Uses Light to Celebrate Life.**

#### **The Resurrection**

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining.  
Luke 23:44-45 NIV

They were puzzled, wondering what to make of this. Then, out of nowhere it seemed, two men, light cascading over them, stood there. The women were awestruck and bowed down in worship. The men said, “Why are you looking for the Living One in a cemetery? He is not here, but raised up.”  
Luke 24:4-7 MSG

The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.  
John 1:4-5 NLT

#### **The Purpose Statement**

- **Love God, Love People, Light the World**

#### **How Can We Live Out Our Purpose This Christmas?**

- **Be Light to Somebody by Being Available.**
- **Be Light to Somebody by Reaching Out.**
- **By Light to Somebody by Invitation.**

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.