



The Spotlight - December 2019



You'll never know how much light you have within until you try to shine it for others!

This line stood out like a bright light in the darkness when spotted just recently, not because it featured as white text on a black background, but because of its sheer truth. In a world where so many have been taught to be self-focused rather than other-oriented, it's little wonder that there is so much sadness and discontent, for self-interest never leads to happiness for anyone!

We've never forgotten the following word to the wise that we once heard:

JOY comes from J (putting Jesus first) O (putting Others second) Y (putting Yourself last).

Christmas actually presents us with a wonderful present - don't you just love the English language! The present, of course, is the amazing opportunity it provides to share Christ's light and love in the most natural of contexts! We Christians have Good News of great joy to share and given that many people have absolutely no idea that Jesus exists, let alone know of the extent of the gift He wants to give to them, we have nothing but blessings to deliver! In fact, sharing at this time of year can make a world of difference, for whilst it's a myth that suicide rates peak at Christmas, it's not a myth that it's a time when many people feel sad and lonely.

Of course, this can sound very risky because we all know there are far too many people willing to take advantage of others, but in our experience, there is no need to fear, for the Lord always protects. He reveals what we need to see in people, so that we can distance ourselves when necessary, so be encouraged to shine His light this Christmas and always!

As always, we begin to close by giving you links to last month's TLC World messages.

- [1. Obert explores our need to strive for holiness.](#)
- [2. Jim uncovers the mystery of evil.](#)
- [3. Chris provides a blueprint for successful living.](#)
- [4. Jim reveals what it takes to be a man or woman after God's own heart.](#)
- [5. Jim presents what it takes to realise your potential.](#)

As this year draws to an end, we hope you are looking forward to God's plans for you in 2020. We are doing just that, but first we look forward to welcoming our new grand-baby due to arrive in Florida in just two weeks time.

*Leaving you now with the very traditional Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!
In Christ,
Jim & Elaine*

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

(Matthew 5:16)

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