

“ ALLOWING YOUR LIGHT TO SHINE”

On a business trip, a woman stayed at a hotel overnight. When she was getting ready to leave, she noticed a maid quietly going about the task of cleaning vacant rooms. She noticed how hard the maid worked and how tired she looked. When it was time to check out, the woman decided she'd leave a tip on the dresser and a note simply saying “Thank You.” She didn't know this woman, but merely saw how hard she worked and wanted to do something nice for another human being. The woman hoped what she had done would make the maid's day a little brighter.

As the woman continued on her journey, she thought about the maid and felt good about what she had done. It had been awhile since she could say she'd done something nice for a COMPLETE stranger. Even though the womn was the one GIVING, she was also the one RECEIVING. God certainly put goodness in all of us. He expects us to be his “BEACON OF LIGHT” and to shine that light on others. He gives us the ability to know what's right and how we should treat our fellow man with kindness.

We are all responsible for keeping our “light” shining, but often, our actions do not match our words. Oh, we “talk a good game,” but when it comes to actually practicing what we preach, we often don't. Didn't Christ tell us to help those in need? Feed the hungry . . . give drink to the thirsty . . . visit those who are ill. Our Lord placed no conditions on performing these acts of Christian charity. He merely instructs us to do them, and by doing so, He tells us that we are showing our love for Him as well. Perhaps the words of our Lord sum it up best: “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see you good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)