

1 The Light of Life

- How many light bulbs does it take to change the world?

2 Miracle Product

- Sitting on the shelf somewhere in a store in Lexington is a common product priced at less than \$3.00 that will soon alter the fate of the entire planet.
- It's a product that will solve some of the most profound issues facing our world:
 - rising gas prices,
 - energy consumption,
 - global warming,
 - dependence on foreign oil,
 - and chronic halitosis.

3 Miracle Product

- It also looks kind of cool and will give the buyer a sense of selflessness and self-satisfaction all at the same time.
- At \$2.60 a pop, just one of these products can save you \$38 per year.
- Wal-Mart has used this product in their Hardware and Paint department and it saved them \$6 million dollars in just one year.

4 Miracle Product

- If every one of the 100 million homes in America would just use one of these miracle products the energy saved would :
 - eliminate the equivalent pollution of 1.3 million cars on the road,
 - save enough electricity to power a city of 1.5 million people, or close two power plants.

5 What is this Miracle Product?

- The compact fluorescent light bulb is not a new device, but has been improved to where it is now equal to the incandescent light bulb in quality of light and cost.
- The real advantage comes in usage as the CFI uses a lot less electricity than incandescent bulbs.

6 Wal-Mart

7 Another Source of Light

- The prophet Isaiah proclaimed that “the people living in darkness have seen a great light” (Matt 4:16 NIV)

- When Jesus was born his parents were met by a very old man named Simeon who prophesied that Jesus would be “a light for revelation . . .”(Luke 2:32 NIV)

8 Light of Revelation

- “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12 NIV)
- Light reveals reality (truth)
- Life is the byproduct of following Jesus
- Jesus said, “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)

9 Light of Revelation

- He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. He [John the Baptist] himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light [Jesus] that gives light to every man was coming into the world.” (John 1:7–9 NIV)
- “This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.” (John 3:19 NIV)

10 Light Revelation

- “Put your trust in the light . . . so that you may become sons of light.” (John 12:36 NIV)
- “But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light” (1 Pet 2:9 NIV)

11 Revelation of Truth

- “You are the light of the world . . . [so] let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. ” (Matt 5:14,16 NIV)

12 Shine Bright

13 Summarize

- God’s Kingdom is invading the earth and all His enemies are going to be destroyed.
- However, out of God’s great mercy, He is offering reconciliation to all His enemies IF they will repent.
- To explain this offer and declare its conditions, God has sent His Son to be a light (reveal, model, and show forth the standards and operation of God’s Kingdom).

- Those who follow the light will experience the power of God Kingdom and operation of the Holy Spirit and in so doing be a light of revelation for others.

14 What is a Christian?

- “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters — yes, even his own life — he cannot be my disciple. And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.” (Luke 14:26–27 NIV)
- “To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.”
- (John 8:31 NIV–G/K)

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