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*“He was a burning and a shining light:
and ye were willing for a season to
rejoice in his light.”* John 5:35

Shining is always costly. Light comes only at the cost of that which produced it. An unlit candle does no shining. The switch must be turned on for the room to be filled with light. Burning must come before shining. Burning suggests suffering and we shrink from the thought of the pain and the cost involved. We cannot be of great use to others without cost to ourselves. This of course involves denying ourselves, denying self and this is costly.

We are very prone to feel that we are doing our greatest good in the world

when we are strong and able for active duty and when the hands are full with loving and kind service.

When we are called aside to restriction and suffering, when we are sick and when we are consumed with pain and when all our activities have been dropped, we sometimes feel that we are no longer of much use and that we are not doing anything. Some think of the imprisoned as but victims, robbed and shut away to an existence of uselessness.

On the contrary, if they or we are submissive to the Lord and patient in faith, it is almost certain that we shall be a greater blessing to the world in our time of suffering or imprisonment and pain than we ever were in the days when we thought we were doing most of our work.

If we are shining now it is
because we are burning.



Let us be burning and shining
lights for the Lord.

**COSTLY-BURNING-SERVING
SUFFERING-SHINING-VICTORY**

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