

## GOD'S GYM – Part 6: Let it Shine!

Review of the spiritual disciplines so far:

1. Walking in step with the Holy Spirit.
2. Talking to your Father through Prayer.
3. Listening to God through His Word.
4. Digging down to Heal old Wounds.

*“I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ” (Philemon 1:6).*

The fifth spiritual growth exercise: Sharing your Faith.

*“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do men light a lamp, and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on the lampstand; and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 5:14-16).*

*“Christ changed us from enemies into his friends and gave us the task of making others his friends also” (2Corinthians 5:18, Today’s English Version).*

When you hide your faith, you stagnate in your spiritual growth.

Lost people matter to God. When they matter to us,  
we grow because we are in sync with God’s great heart.

There are people on this planet whom *only* you will be able to reach, because of where you live and what God has made you to be. If just one person will be in heaven because of you, your life will have made a difference for eternity. Start looking around at your personal mission field and pray, “God, who have you put in my life for me to tell about Jesus?” *The Purpose Driven Life*, p.285.

*“And He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him, and that He might send them out to preach, and to have authority to cast out the demons” (Mark 3:14).*

With Him: That’s learning, watching, growing.  
Sent out by Him: That’s speaking, sharing, going.

*“After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves” (Luke 10:1-3).*

*The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." He replied, "I was watching Satan fall like lightning from heaven" (Luke 10:17,18).*

To know Him . . . and to make Him known.

*"You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should remain" (John 15:16).*

Changed by Christ . . . Changing our World.

*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matt.28:19,20).*

*"And when they had summoned them, they commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said to them, 'Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge; for we cannot stop speaking what we have seen and heard'" (Acts 4:18-20).*

*"And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Thy bond-servants may speak Thy word with all confidence . . ." (Acts 4:29).*

*"And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak the word of God with boldness" (Acts 4:31).*

*"These men who have turned the world upside down have now come here" (Acts 17:6).*

Faith under a bowl dies. Faith that shines out grows.