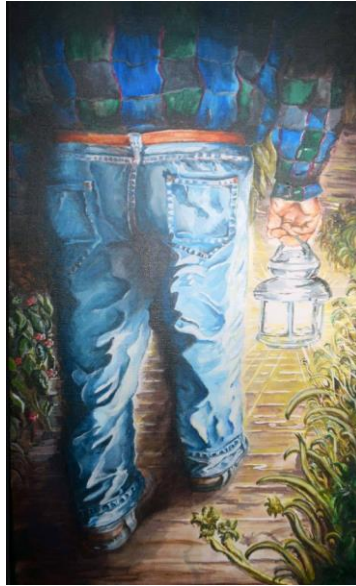


LOW PROFILE SAINTHOOD



When Jesus tells us we are the light of the world, he doesn't mean we're celebrities---big or little.

And when Jesus implies that we are not to hide our light under a bushel he's reminding us that there is indeed a bushel often blocking the light from view.

What could that bushel be?

For most of us, even the shy ones, it's our ego.

Others can't see God's light because of our ego.

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Matthew 5:14-16

So who gets the glory when they see our "good works?"

Do they see God?

Are they drawn to God?

Are they filled with hope?

Take off the bushel.

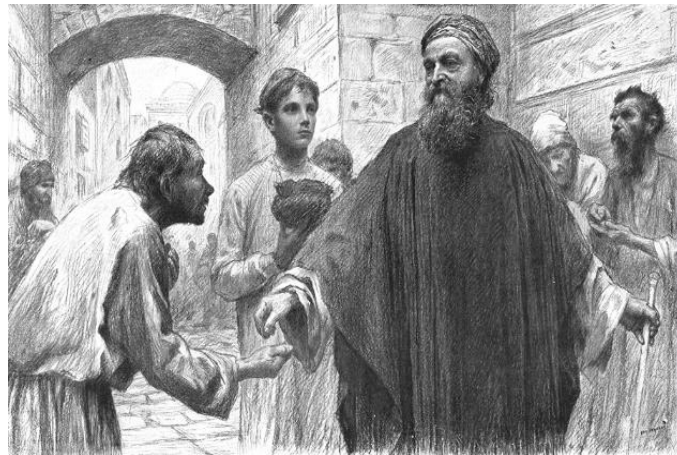


Let your light shine from a stand for all the world to see.

But every time you catch yourself using your "light" to vindicate yourself in the eyes of others...

Repent!

Because your "light" has suddenly become a bushel.



Prayer: Lord, remove the bushel of our egos from us, the bushel that blinds others to your glory. We repent of our pride. We repent of our need to vindicate ourselves, of our need for others to think just like us, believe exactly like us. We repent of our need for others to honor our own appearance of righteousness. Lord, help us to embrace this low-profile sainthood, to take off the bushel... to shine, to shine with life, to shine with wonder and awe of who you are and what you have done, to shine with a beauty that emanates from dwelling in your presence. And yes, may the light coming from us shine so strongly that others see you, are drawn to you, and are filled with awe and hope instead of scorn and disgust at our pride and arrogance. Amen.

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