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**Transforming Daily**  
*“... lights in the firmament of the heavens ...”*  
*Genesis 1:14*

When was the last time that you walked along in the evening gazing into space pondering the magnificent creation of God? When was the last time that you stood and stared at the moon and the stars as they brilliantly reflected the light of the sun? When was the last time that you sat mesmerized by the magnitude of the vastness of the universe and compared it to your individual existence? It is actually very surreal.

Did you know that as a believer your life is to be pondered and examined, and that it is to mesmerize the onlookers? No, it's not because of that great hair style, buffed body, dazzling intellect, rapier wit, big house, expensive car, or fashionable clothes, but because of the light of the Son brilliantly reflecting off of your godly lifestyle and choices. The onlookers should stand in awe as they observe the transformation God is working in and through you.

Have you ever seen a “falling” or “shooting star?” It grabs your attention immediately. However, how long does it last? One of the leading reasons that people give for not wanting to be around Christians or attend church is because of hypocrisy. What they see in the life of the “Christian” doesn't measure up with the claims of the “Christian.” Like that “falling” or “shooting star,” it looks like a star and shines like a star, and because of an optical illusion compares to the size of the stars in the backdrop of the canopy of space. But it really isn't a star at all, just bits and pieces of debris from space that glows bright and hot for a few moments as it enters the earth's atmosphere.

Luke (11:33-36) tells us that we shine forth with what fills us. He then implies caution that we only allow in us that which we wish to be seen shining forth; simple, just not easy. Is the light that shines forth from your lifestyle and choices powered by the Son? How brightly do you allow the Son to shine forth, as bright as the lights in the firmament of the heavens?