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What Am I Doing With The Light/Gift That God Has Given Me?

Special Missionary Report

2 Kings 7:9

Matt. 5:14-16

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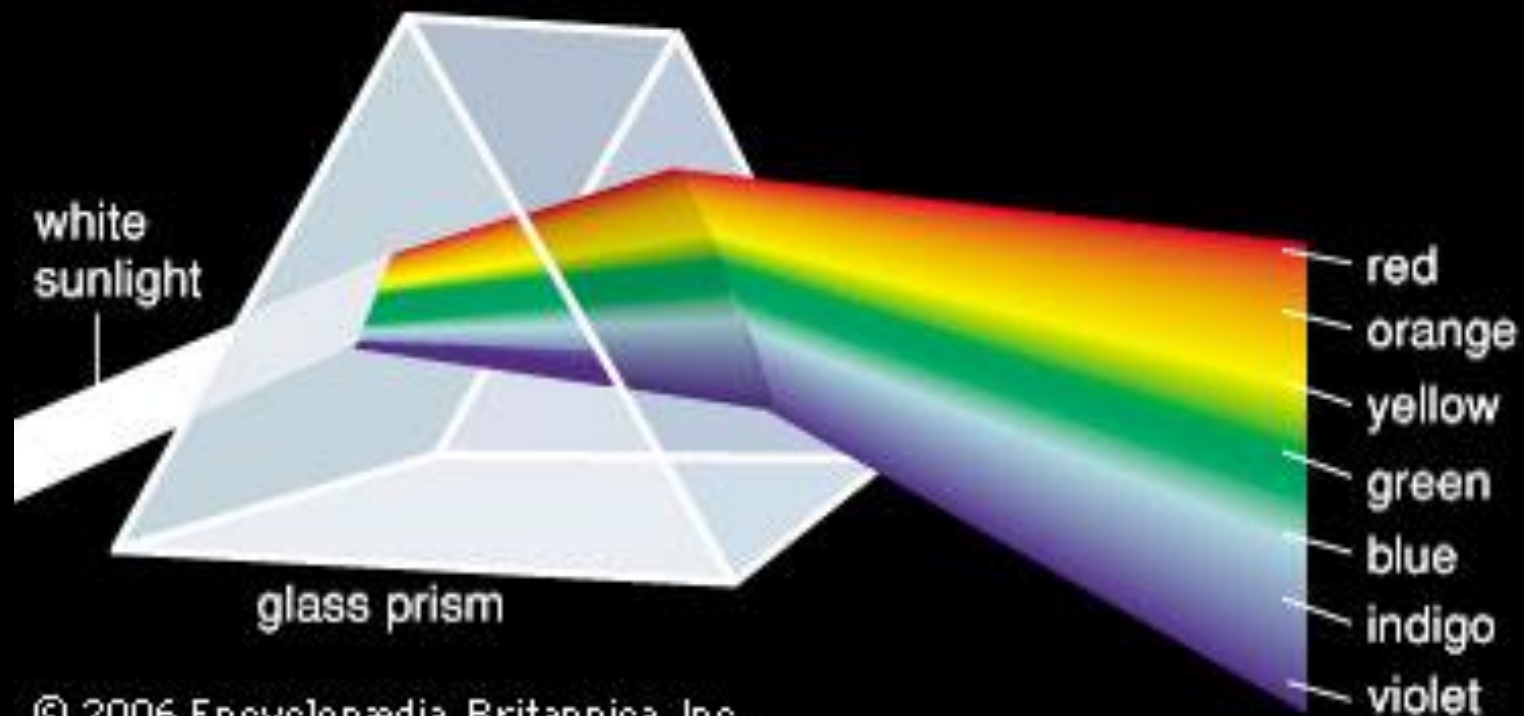
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⁹ Then they said to one another, “We are not doing right. This day is a day of good news, and we remain silent. If we wait until morning light, some punishment will come upon us. Now therefore, come, let us go and tell the king’s household.”

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- What am I doing with the gift given to me?
- Heading back to Africa soon!
- Let my light shine, so God gets all the glory!
- Jesus' instruction to His disciples.

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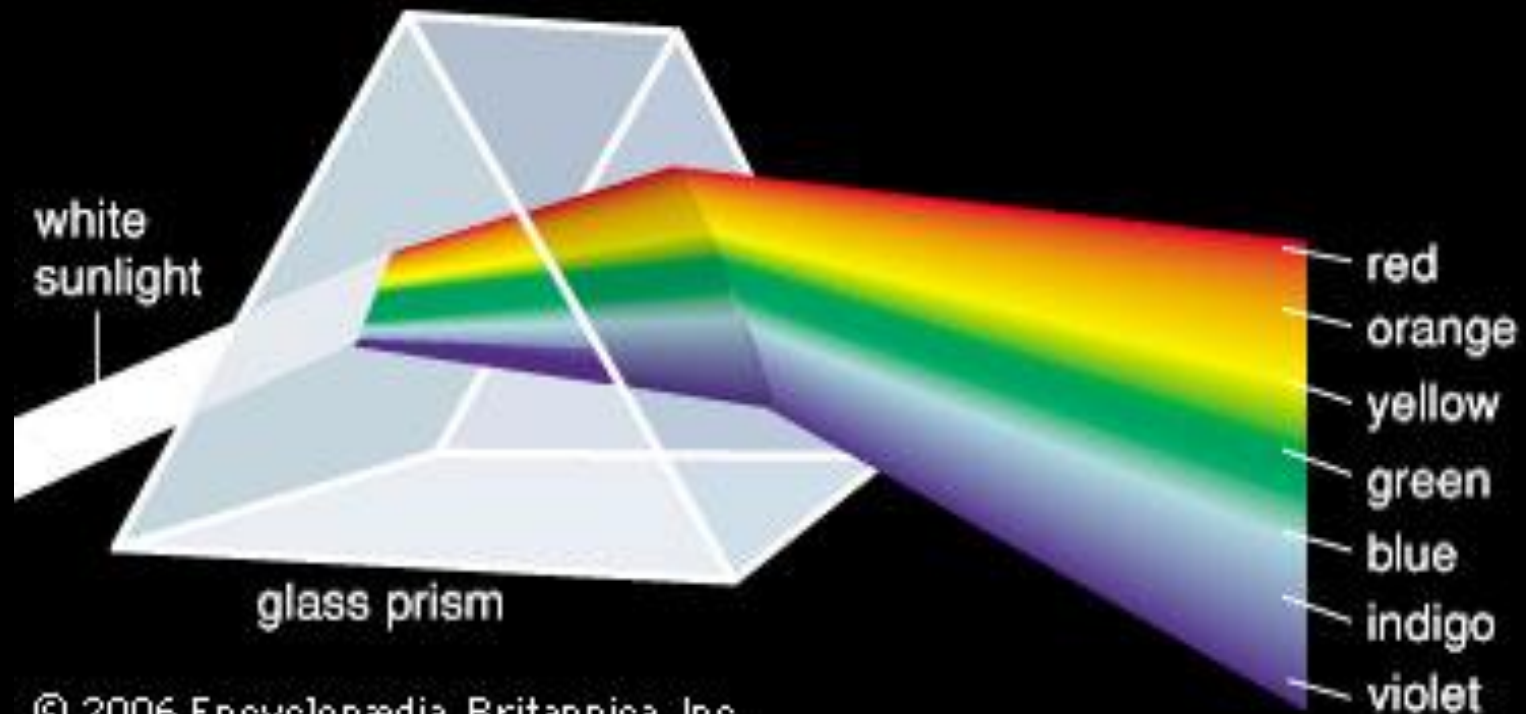
¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

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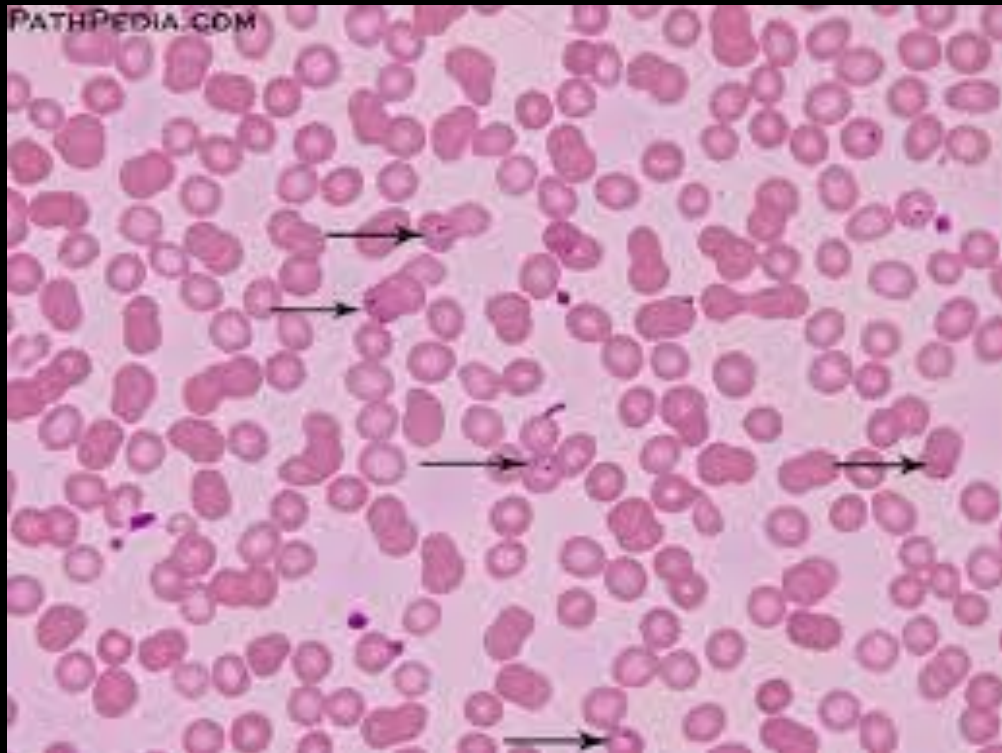
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Malaria infected red blood cells!

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- My sins have been washed away by the blood of Jesus Christ (1 Jn. 1:7-9; Rev. 1:5b). Transfused by new life!
- Malaria parasites in the blood kill many who could be saved (>25,000 deaths in DRC 2013, many <5 yrs. old)!
- Worldwide, largest killer of children; 3,000 children/day!
- Teaching and training medical staff the protocols to be followed during the upcoming clinical trial of the new natural malaria treatment is critical for success.

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2. Orange (Exhortation)

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Check out the warning signs!

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- Persuade those who are making bad choices of the consequences—it's a matter of life or death!
- Malaria is increasingly becoming resistant to standard treatments recommended by the WHO (ACTs).
- Global recommendations need to be changed to allow new and improved alternative natural treatments.
- Prescribers need to be convinced and local medical authorities need evidence to change national malaria treatment protocols to allow alternative therapies.
- Eventually be co-author of a publication of the results in a reputable medical journal to convince international authorities to accept alternative treatment options.

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3. Yellow (Administration)

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The DRC is not noted for its administration!



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- Work with Dr. Pam Weathers, WPI, and Plesion International (NGO) to plan, oversee all DRC aspects of the clinical trial at HEAL Africa and Rwanguba Hospital, including the local budget (\$230,000).
- Two years of past, present, and future work is required.
- Integrate results into 5-year medical plan of the church.

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Dr. Pamela Weathers, WPI Artemisia researcher for 25+ years!

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4. Green (Showing Mercy)

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Artemisia annua growing in Africa to help Africa!

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- Jesus preached the Gospel and healed the sick (Lk.9:2).
- Dried Leaf Artemisia (DLA) is grown, harvested, milled and made into tablets in Africa; tool for showing mercy.
- Previously Plesion had imported DLA from Ethiopia, made tablets in the USA and shipped them to the DRC for successful testing in AIDS patients and for malaria.
- Excellent preliminary results in 120 malaria patients, including 20 cases resistant to the standard treatment, was the basis for this clinical trial in 600 patients.
- Synergistic effect of 20+ components, not 2 in ACTs.
- Artemisia is active against HIV, other viruses, several cancers, other parasitic diseases (including Lyme?).

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5. Blue (Giving)

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Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above,
and comes down from the Father of lights...(Jam. 1:17)

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5. Blue (Giving)

- Only God could have provided all the funds necessary for such a costly clinical trial and research expenses.
- CMMML in agreement with work, but not theirs to fund.
- Plesion can distribute final products, not make them.
- God used secular means (WPI) to get His work done!
- People of Egypt gave gifts that furnished tabernacle.
- The whole experience taught all of us to be dependent on God and not man.
- God gets all the glory as well.
- 600 people now (and many more later) will be given the gift of life. How do you put a value on even 1 life?

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6. Indigo (Serving)

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Durable and dependable indigo denim jeans!

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- Like the indigo jeans, we must be durable for many miles traveled (home-Doha-Kigali-Goma-Rwanguba-Kampala-Bunia-Goma-Kigali-Doha-home again).
- A servant doesn't bring attention to himself but works for the good of others, often behind the scenes to facilitate or oversee (tablet production in Kampala).
- A servant must be dependable: training done as planned; budget expenditures properly documented; results that can withstand scrutiny and peer review.
- Await final reward and praise of God and not man: "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

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7. Violet (Prophecy)

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The African Violet: beautiful reminder of God's love!

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7. Violet (Prophecy)

- OT prophets declared the words of God and exposed sin and behavior that brought shame to His holiness.
- NT prophets still discern the truth of God and sin but now can also declare the Love of God (evangelism).
- The African Violet is a beautiful plant, but just like us it needs proper care and continued follow-up to flourish.
- Repeated trips back to the DRC allow such follow-up and to discern the need for proper food (teaching), water (encouragement), and soil conditions for life.
- The African Violet is special since it is in Africa that all of this ministry is taking place because of your prayers!

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Application:

1. **What are you doing with the light God has given you?** You don't need to go to Africa, but you do need to display the light right where you live or work. Think about the appropriate pictures you saw today, and come up with your own "color chart"!
2. **What are you doing with the gift God has given you?** This has primary application to finding your role in the local church where you can manifest your gift for the good of others. Again, pray about how God has gifted you and ask Him to help you get started!
3. **Remember that it is NOT all about you!** Yes, people can't help but see your good works but that is not why we do them. Everything must bring glory to our Father in heaven. Only then will there be eternal spiritual results.