

Sometimes in my job, I have to hold a flashlight for someone who is performing work in our test area. I try as hard as I can to shine the beam into the area that is needed, and to hold it steady there. I realize that I do this because I remembered back to when I was a child, and my Dad asked me to hold the flashlight when he was working to repair a television or other appliance. I was easily distracted, and as the beam of the light would wander off, he would get frustrated and have to tell me to hold the light still. Through the years, I have worked on enough projects that needed the aid of a light that I have come to appreciate the importance of a steady hand.

I know that I tend to get distracted and waver in my spiritual life, as well. Jesus said that we are the light of the world<sup>1</sup>. I see that I must hold my light steady (with God's help<sup>2</sup>), letting it shine before others<sup>1</sup> so that they may see how to work. I must not let my attention wander and leave people in the dark<sup>3</sup>. I myself must focus on Christ<sup>4</sup> to become one of the children of light<sup>5</sup>. I don't want my heavenly Father to be frustrated with me either.

1. Matthew 5:14-15
2. consider Psalm 18:34, where God strengthens us to hold the bow (so that the arrow hits its target)
3. Luke 11:35-36
4. Hebrews 12:3
5. John 12:36