

# What happens in Darkness?

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When do you suppose most violent crimes are committed: during daylight hours or at night?

When do you think burglars do their work: during daylight hours or at night?

When do you imagine most vandalism happens: during daylight hours or at night?

When do you think most arsonists do their work: during daylight hours or at night?

If you answered "at night" to all those questions, you're correct. By why is that? Why do so many things like that take place at night? Why do people wait until after dark to break windows or set fires?

Because it is dark, of course! People who don't want to be caught doing something wrong will wait until its dark, so the darkness will disguise their deeds. That's what Jesus meant when he said that people "loved the darkness more than tie light, for their actions were evil. They hate the light because they want to sin in the darkness. They stay away from the light because their think that their sin will be exposed and they will be in trouble.

Understanding the truth of Jesus' words can help you to make right choices. If you're doing something that you don't want your parents to know about, guess what-it's probably wrong (unless you are planning a surprise anniversary party for them!) If you have to hid what you are doing, that's a bad sign, because people "want to sin in the darkness....But those who do what is right come to the light gladly, so everyone can see that they are doing what God wants" (John 3:20-21)

So remember- If you have to hide what you are doing, you probably shouldn't do it. Instead, do everything as if God were looking over your shoulder- because he is!

1. Have you ever done something you didn't what people to know about? What was it? What should have helped you realize that you might be doing wrong? If you are doing what God wants would you still try to hide it?
2. Pray- God help me to life my life that way that you would want me to. Help me to do what is right in your eyes.