

As an Amateur Electrician

As an amateur electrician (with the emphasis on AMATEUR), I have occasionally gone through the whole process of installing a new light, only to turn the breaker on, throw the switch, and get....nothing. Fortunately, I haven't yet burned anything down (at least nothing that I know about).

Recently, I woke up in the middle of the night and noticed that the bathroom light was on. I wondered why my wife had left the light on, but didn't bother to get up. It was not until the next afternoon that I found out why the light was on: it wouldn't go off. In fact, no matter what you did with the switches on the wall, the light stayed on. And since my usual problem is lights that refuse to turn on, I was at a loss when faced with one that refused to turn off.

Later, I found the answer. Inside the exhaust fan and light enclosure, a single piece of old wiring had somehow shorted through its insulation, creating a short circuit and turning the light permanently on. By repairing the wire, I was once again able to turn the light off .

In house wiring, a light that won't go off is usually a mistake. But in the spiritual realm, lights that never go out are the goal! Unfortunately, our light sometimes gets dim, and it seems as if no amount of breaker-throwing, switch-flipping, or wire-jiggling can seem to get it shining again.

When we sing "Shine, Jesus Shine" we are asking not just for His light to shine ON us, but for His light to shine THROUGH us to the world. In the real world business of evangelism, you are the front line player; you are the light for your corner of the world.

In the kingdom, a light that won't turn off isn't a problem, but a blessing. Remember how much Jesus loves you, and let your light shine brightly today.

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