

People with Healthy Hearts Engage their World

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Matthew 5: 13-16

¹³"You are the salt of the earth.

1. Because things fall apart, the world needs salt and light.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world.

Ephesians 5:8 ⁸For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light

¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl.

¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

I Peter 2:12

¹²*Live such good lives* among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

John 17:15-18 ¹⁵ My prayer is *not* that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, *I have sent them into the world.*

Matthew 5:13b ^{13b}But if the salt *loses its saltiness*, how can it be made salty again?

Romans 12:2 ² Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is -- his good, pleasing and perfect will.

2. To be effective as salt and light, we must be in the right position.

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3. To be effective as salt and light, we must work together.