



# THE DIFFERENCE YOUR LIFE CAN MAKE TO OTHERS

For our final class this year we want to focus upon the impact your life has upon others. The opportunity for good that you can do is enormous. You can literally be instrumental in changing generations eternally. This is not just a great responsibility, but it's also a great opportunity.

The simple admonition of the Lord found in the sermon on the mount.

## Matthew 5:13-16

**“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”**

### 1. Some things to note from the text:

- This is the first time in Matthew that Jesus refers to God as “Father”
- Jesus didn’t say, “You should be the salt of the earth.” Nor, did He say, “Become the salt of the earth.” Instead, He did say, “YOU \_\_\_\_\_.”
- This section follows you are persecuted and you are reviled (Mt 5:10-12)
- **How did we become salt & light?**

- **Jesus places a negative with both salt and light. What are they?**

## The Principles of SALT



1. P \_\_\_\_\_: which means the world is \_\_\_\_\_  
 - this kills the idea that the world is \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Jn 5:19)  
 - to be useful, salt has to be in \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_

2. P \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

3. There are two side effects of salt

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) generates \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Pet 3:15)

4. How does salt lose it’s saltiness? (Lk 14:34-35)

### Characteristics of Salt

- Don’t see it \_\_\_\_\_
- Receives little \_\_\_\_\_
- C \_\_\_\_\_ element
- Works well with \_\_\_\_\_
- Noticed when \_\_\_\_\_
- No one \_\_\_\_\_ salt by \_\_\_\_\_

## The Principles of Light

1. I \_\_\_\_\_: which means the world is in \_\_\_\_\_  
- what does that mean?
2. V \_\_\_\_\_ & a \_\_\_\_\_
3. Similar quality to \_\_\_\_\_ (Jn 8:12; 9:5; 12:35; Rev 22:5)
4. Darkness does not dispel \_\_\_\_\_. Only light can
5. Jesus says to shine it in \_\_\_\_\_  
- the wrong way will \_\_\_\_\_ a person



This Matthew passage calls on us to both be different and to make a difference.

### What are people noticing about us?

How are we  
different from  
the world?



**It is interesting that God delivered His message through the voice of prophets, apostles and preachers. The connection of speaker and audience involves \_\_\_\_\_**  
**(2 Cor 5:11)**

Oliver Wendell Holmes: *"I might have entered the ministry if certain clergymen I know had not looked and acted so much like undertakers."*

Robert Louis Stevenson, wrote with great excitement, *"I have been to church today and am not depressed."*

- Christians are not the only influences in the world. How does culture influence us and what methods are used to influence?
- Jesus said to "let your light shine in such a way" (Mt 5:16). Is there a wrong way to shine our light?
- What hurts our influence?
- How have you been influenced positively in your walk with the Lord?

