



# THE SALT OF THE EARTH AND THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

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<sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. <sup>14</sup>You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Neither 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. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”



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# THE WORLD OF HUMANITY IS DECAYING

BOTH LITERALLY AND  
SPIRITUALLY

“But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient, unholy without love, unforgiving, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God – having a form of godliness but denying its power.”

## 2 TIMOTHY 3:1-5



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**THE WORLD OF  
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DARKNESS**



# HOW DOES SALT AFFECT THE WORLD OF HUMANITY?



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# HOW DOES SALT AFFECT THE WORLD OF HUMANITY?

THE INFLUENCE OF A CHRIST-LIKE  
CHARACTER MAY BE SLOW AND QUIET  
BUT IT IS PENETRATING.



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# HOW DOES LIGHT AFFECT THE WORLD OF HUMANITY?

“In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”

**MATTHEW 5:16**



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# HOW DOES LIGHT AFFECT THE WORLD OF HUMANITY?

“For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose.”

**PHILIPPIANS 2:13**



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# HOW DOES LIGHT AFFECT THE WORLD OF HUMANITY?

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men."

**COLOSSIANS 3:25**



# THE DANGERS WE FACE AS SALT AND LIGHT



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# PERSECUTION



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# CONTAMINATION



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# MATTHEW 5:13

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# WHAT CAN YOU DO TO INFLUENCE THE WORLD?



PRAY

“...Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on  
earth as it is in heaven.”

MATTHEW 6:10



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# WHAT CAN YOU DO TO INFLUENCE THE WORLD?



PRAY

WITNESS IN  
WORDS AND BY  
ACTION



“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

ACTS 1:8



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**“WELL DONE, GOOD AND  
FAITHFUL SERVANT.**

You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things.  
Come and share your master’s happiness.”

**MATTHEW 25:23**



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