



Introduction: Do you have any _____ on the life of another person?

I. You are _____ of the earth – 5:13

13 “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

What do you know about salt?

1. Salt makes _____

Colossians 4:6 - Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

2. Salt adds _____

What is the point here? It is simple, kingdom citizens add _____ to the lives of those they encounter. How?

3. Salt is a _____

Before the invention of _____ people used salt to preserve meat.

We live in a very _____ world, and a lot of our values have gone down the road of moral decay.

Don't Lose Your Saltiness

Matthew 5:15 - *but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.*

How does salt lose its flavor? It mixes with other _____ sources and loses its sting. Salt remains salt it just loses its powerful impact.

I also want to remind us that we will lose our saltiness if we get caught up in the _____ world around us.

Kingdom citizens must always be _____. Our world (this earth) needs salty Christians. Christians who are making a difference.

Susie Cross's acronym for SALT:

S – _____

A – As

L – _____

T – _____

Want to influence others? Be a living _____ !

II. You are _____ of the world – 5:14-16

14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

1. You are the _____ of the world – 5:14

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What I have Witnessed Through the Decades Every Ten Years Things Have Gotten Worse

- In the 1960's we had the _____ revolution.
- In the 1970's we had the drug revolution.
- In the 1980's we had the _____ revolution.
- In the 1990's we had the alphabet "LGBTQ+" revolution.
- In the 2000's we had the _____ revolution. We were told that character doesn't matter.
- In the 2010's we had the transgender revolution.
- In the 2020's we had the non- _____ revolution.

It seems that darkness is _____ our society. Where is the light? Christians are called to be the light of the world. Light exposes darkness. Scripture tells us that men love darkness rather than light (see John 3:19-20).

2. Light is not to be _____ – 5:14

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President Ronald Regan called America, **a city on a _____.**

3. Light has a definite _____ – 5:15

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John 1:4 - *In Him was life, and the life was the light of men."*

The light in us is _____ (John 8:12), and that light must shine through us. Yes, light has a definite purpose.

Go light Your World – Chris Rice

4. Let your light _____ – 5:16

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let your light so shine before _____. Don't miss this. Our light is to help others around us. They need to see the light shining from us.

Ephesians 2:10 - For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

A List of Good Works

“America is great because she is _____, and if America ever ceases to be good, she will cease to be _____.”

Conclusion: Here are the _____ lessons from this message.

1. You ARE the _____ of the earth – accept it.
2. You are to make _____, add flavor, and preserve society.
3. You are to _____ your saltiness – don't compromise with the world.
4. You ARE the _____ of the world – accept it.
5. You are living in a very _____ world – the world needs our light.
6. You must not _____ your light – let it shine. BRIGHT!
7. You are to let your light be _____ by your good works.
8. You are salt and light for the _____ of God.