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SALT AND LIGHT

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YOU = "you and only you"

ARE - simple statements of essential identity

SALT - God can create something good out of something poisonous

LIGHT - Our light comes from Jesus living in us (John 8.12, John 9.5)

OF THE WORLD/EARTH - We're called to be thermostats, not thermometers

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Salt **preserves and flavors**

Light **exposes and illuminates**

We salt and light with our **word and our deeds**

We salt and light **individually and corporately**

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# How To Increase our Salt & Light

Undefile yourself from negative people, input, situations and stuff

Facetime - meet daily with God in worship, prayer and the Word

Soak in Him

Surround yourself with other encouragers

Develop the habit of acting on the prompting of the Holy Spirit

Deepen and extend your personal worship life

# Practicals

Affirmation & encouragement

*Whenever I meet a new person, I imagine them wearing a sign across their chest which reads, "my name is \_\_\_\_\_ . Please help me feel important".*

*Henrietta Mears, famous Sunday School teacher*

*Be kinder than necessary, for each person you meet is fighting some kind of battle*

*No one has ever overdosed on encouragement.*

*Pastor Bill Johnson*



Honor those  
around you,  
both above and  
below

Affirm the  
dignity of an  
unnoticed  
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Affirmation &  
encouragement

Smile and  
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Be kind,  
generous and  
servant-  
hearted

Pray over your  
house and/or  
workplace

Live integrity  
and honesty at  
work

Be an  
atmosphere  
changer

Give, love and  
serve generously

Salt and light  
by the way you  
work



# Practicals



Lay hands on  
sick people

Respond  
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prayer when  
people share  
needs

Don't shy  
away when you  
see darkness or  
smell stink

Act in mercy or  
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Be open  
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Ask God  
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A city street scene at sunset, featuring a multi-story building with a grid window pattern, palm trees, and a streetcar. The scene is overlaid with several semi-transparent circular callout bubbles containing text. The background is a mix of warm sunset colors and a blue-tinted foreground.

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baking or  
crafting or \_\_\_\_\_  
gift to bless  
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Volunteer  
and be salt and  
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places

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waiting

Ask God  
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(Gal 5.22)

Invite and  
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Be kind, generous and servant-hearted

Lay hands on sick people

Honor those around you, both above and below

Be open about what God is doing in your life

Affirm the dignity of an unnoticed person

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Affirmation & encouragement

Use your baking or crafting or gift to bless others

Live integrity and honesty at work

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Salt and light by the way you work

Salt and Light instead of Smartphone when you're waiting

Smile and complement people you meet

Pray over your house and/or workplace

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Don't shy away when you see darkness or smell stink

Be an atmosphere changer

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# Response

**"I need salt and light in me first"**

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who?

who?

Disengaged

Engaged

what