

Weekly Theme

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"Being A Good Example"

Matthew 5:13

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its salty taste, it cannot be made salty again. It is good for nothing, except to be thrown out and walked on."

"You are the light that gives light to the world. A city that is built on a hill cannot be hidden. And people don't hide a light under a bowl. They put it on a lamp stand so the light shines for all the people in the house. In the same way, you should be a light for other people. Live so that they will see the good things you do and will praise your Father in heaven."

When Jesus tells His disciples, "You are the salt of the earth." He wasn't speaking about that white stuff in a shaker on the table. He was speaking about wisdom. In Roman times salt was associated with being rich. Slaves were often purchased for salt. The expression, "He's not worth his salt," is based on this.

When Jesus speaks about salt, He is speaking about something that gives us value. And what gives us value is that which we have received from God. That is wisdom. This wisdom, this salt, is a new way of life, far different from the values of the world

The values of the world, are selfishness. "Life revolves around me," the world says. "Take care of number one," the world teaches. But this false wisdom, leads only to frustration, fear and despair, that you have wasted your time.

"You are the light of the world," Jesus tells us. Our light must shine as an example to others. We have a responsibility to others. We have been given the wisdom of God. We have a responsibility to let them experience this wisdom. We need to care for others. Our light should shine by being a good example to those who are around us, all we have to do is to have the courage to follow the example given to us by Jesus in the way in which he lived his life.

Father, watch over us, for we are your family.

Keep us safe from harm.

May no action or thought of our hurt others; for you love each of them, as you love us.

Amen.