

“YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH”

Matthew 5:13 - Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thence forth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.



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Are you guilty or do you know someone who is guilty of grabbing the salt shaker and sprinkling salt on the food before it has ever been tasted? Too much salt is not good. Common side effects of too much salt intake, such as salty urine, water retention and elevated blood pressure, occur depending on the salt sensitivity of a person. Other harmful effects of salt are weakening of bones, effect on kidneys, increase in weight, worsening of edema, hardening of arteries, and bronchial and lung problems.

However, there is a flip side to the negativity. Salt can be good to have around if used properly! Salt: heightens or improves the flavor of something, preserves a variety of foods, cures meat, fish, canned foods and baked products, matures, ripens or conditions, keeps alive, protects, maintains, restores to health, relieves or rids something that is detrimental.

The two key elements in this discourse “salt and light” are demonstrations of how you are to live in the world as representatives of another Kingdom. You are not only to present Christ to the world, but you are to represent Him in the earth! Your sole purpose is to change the world! According to the Holman’s New Testament Commentary, just as salt prevents or kills bacteria in food, the Kingdom servant (you and I – the Salt of the Earth) prevents or confronts corruption in the world. The first focus of salt is to preserve from corruption. “Corruption” is defined as: dishonesty, demoralization, decadence, degeneration, degradation, depravity, debasement, decay, defilement, and distortion. In other words corruption is plain and simple “SIN” -- anything that is not of God!

The second function of “salt” is to add flavor or interest. Part of the church’s task on earth is to live according to its new nature – alive, purposeful, hopeful, and joyful! Christians should be living in such a way that others will pause and consider what is different about them. The Kingdom servant who does not live according to his nature as salt, is useless to the King’s advancement of the Kingdom on earth. If you truly are the salt of the earth and you are impacting the earth like you are supposed to, the lost would be found, the blind would see, hearts would be transformed and lives would be changed. Don’t be guilty of being “good for nothing” in the Kingdom of God!

Truthfully are you the salt of the earth? Are you making a difference in your home, community, school, job, and the Kingdom of God at large? Are you standing up for right and righteousness or are you giving up the right for the wrong? Do you change the atmosphere where you are or does your present environment change you? If you are not living as the salt of the earth, today, let me encourage you to begin... You are the Salt of The Earth!