



Lesson #2: Life Lessons about Making a Difference (5:13-16)

Many times when people look at a group of teenagers they remark that they see in teenagers a ton of “_____.” I recoil when I hear that word used to describe any group of Christians, regardless of their age. God does not wish for you to wait to be ministers for Him, he want you to be involved in making a difference right now!

Our passage today tells you that you have immense value. Regardless of how you old you are today, God considers you incredibly valuable. He loves you and longs for you to live out who you are. God calls you to give the world a _____ and a _____ of Christ.

The world is waiting for the church to wake up and live under its calling. Christian, live like Christ and the world will cast its eyes on you as you reflect your Savior! In His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gives two aspects of this mission, which He has given to us. The first is being of godly _____ and the second it manifesting good _____.

YOU MUST REALIZE THAT YOUR _____ MAKES A DIFFERENCE
“_____” – being of godly character

A. Season the _____

Having seen what a Christian is (in the Beatitudes), we now come to consider how a Christian should manifest this. In other words, now that we know _____ we are, we must not go on to consider what we _____ be.

What is the biblical attitude the Christian should have towards the world? The fact that Jesus calls Christians “*salt*” clearly implies that there is _____ in the world. The Christian then is God’s agent of preservation. If the world is getting darker, it is not because of the President, or the congress or the economy or even the education system. It is simply because the Church is getting more _____.

B. _____ Close to God

The main source of salt in 1st century Palestine was the _____ and salt from this region was contaminated. Because of this the alt could be drained out of this mixture leaving behind a tasteless substance lacking any real “salt.”

As God’s people we *are* the salt of the earth. We are not told to _____ salty; we are challenged to _____ salty. Tasteless (or salt-less) disciples are not fulfilling the purpose for which Jesus has called them.

YOU MUST REALIZE THAT YOUR _____ MAKE A DIFFERENCE
“_____” – doing His works

A. Your Light Must be _____

In this metaphor of “*light*” several things are implied:

1. Christians are set for the _____ of the world.
2. What illuminates must itself be _____.
3. It is as natural to genuine Christian principle to become visible as it is for _____ to shine.

This verse is a command, not a suggestion. Jesus says, “Since you are light, SHINE!”

B. Your Light Must _____

To be a true disciple you must stand out from the crowd. This is why the word “_____” is emphasized. The truth is that men cannot see your find ideas, your noble purposes, or your holy aspirations. Men can only see what you generate by your _____. It is the essence of Christian character to let that light radiate by _____.

The word “_____” means to show off. That’s right – we’re supposed to show God off! Jesus makes it very clear that our good works should not direct attention back to us but to the Father in heaven.

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

“If you were being tried for being a Christin, would there be enough _____ to _____ you?” – Unknown

For many of us, that is a very sobering question. We tend to live as the spiritually dead. Our light is often hid from those around us.

God has called you to give the world a *taste* and a *glimpse* of Christ.