

What good is a Christian?

Matthew 5:13-16

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.¹

Salty Saints (13)

We live in a decaying society.

We are to arrest and hinder decay.

Don't become worthless.

Shining Saints (14-16)

We live in a darkening society.

We are to dispel the darkness.

We are to reveal the Father.

Don't become invisible.

Implications

Our impact (5:13-16) is determined by our character (5:3-12).

We must be spread around to be effective.

Ask yourself, “*How can I be salt & light today in my family . . . friendships . . . school . . . workplace . . . community?*”

¹ *The Holy Bible: New International Version*. electronic ed. Grand Rapids : Zondervan, 1996, c1984