

Title: Kingdom Purpose

Text: Matthew 5:13-16

Target: Living according to the “Kingdom Principles” of the Beatitudes advances “Kingdom Purpose,” and today we look at two metaphors that show us how!

I. **You are a person of PROFOUND IMPACT:** “*You are the salt of the earth*” (Vs. 13)

A. **Value of Salt:** “*but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored?*” (Vs. 13)

1. **Currency:** Form of Payment.
2. **Covenant:** Binding Agreement.
3. **Conserving:** Preservation of Meat.
4. **Cleansing:** Medicinal value.
5. **Cooking:** Flavor enhancement.

B. **Virtue of Salt:** “*It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.*” (Vs. 13)

1. **Salt of the Earth:** reliable and trustworthy.
2. **Worth their Salt:** deserving of compensation.
3. **Above or Below the Salt:** determined seating assignment.
4. **Take with a Grain of Salt:** to receive information with skepticism.
5. **Don’t Spill the Salt:** to be in disagreement.

C. **View of Salt:** “*You are*” (Vs.13)

1. **Salt NEVER stops being Salt.**
2. **Effectiveness DOES NOT happen without Engagement.**
3. **Inconspicuous, but NOT Insignificant.**

II. **You are a person of PROLIFIC INFLUENCE:** “*You are the light of the world.*”

A. **Power of Light:** “*a city set on a hill cannot be hidden.*” (Vs. 14)

1. **Light exposes Darkness**
2. **Light warns of Danger**
3. **Light provides Direction**

B. **Place of Light:** “*nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.*” (Vs. 15)

1. **Prevent Shading:** “*basket*”
2. **Place of Significance:** “*gives light*”

C. **Perspective of Light:** “*In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*” (Vs. 16)

1. **Make Light Visible:** “*your light*”

2. **Make Light Viable:** *“your good works”*
3. **Make Light Victorious:** *“your Father”*

Take Away: Salt speaks of an **inward character** that influences the people of the world; light speaks of the **outward conviction** that points to the one who made the world. By being SALT and LIGHT, the world will **taste** and **see** that God is good.