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## How people see the light

*Matt. 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.*

— *James 2:15 Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food.* —

<sup>16</sup> *If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it?*

<sup>17</sup> *In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.*

— *1 Peter 2:12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.* —

*Matthew 25:34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.*

— <sup>35</sup> *For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,*

<sup>36</sup> *I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."*

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There is no influence without _____.
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## The Difference Makers

Matthew 5:13-16

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### Salt for a Decaying World

Attitudes that point people to God

Salt adds \_\_\_\_\_.

— *Matthew 5:13 "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."* —

— *Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law.* —

<sup>24</sup> *And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*

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■ *Col. 4:4 Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. [5] Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. [6] Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.*

- Prayer

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- Be wise in your actions

- Look for opportunity

- Grace-filled conversations

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## Light for a Dark World

**ACTIONS--that point people to God**

*Matthew 5:14a "You are the light of the world...."*

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*Prov. 4:19 But the way of the wicked is like deep **darkness**; they do not know what makes them stumble.*

*Isaiah 42:7 ... to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in **darkness**.*

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*John 3:19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.*

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*John 8:12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

### Limit our light?

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*Matt. 5:14 "A city on a hill cannot be hidden."*

*Matthew 5:15 "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."*

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