

# ***“The Good Influence of a Christian”***

Lesson Text: **Matthew 5:13-16**. Do we make a difference (**salt**)? Are we showing others an example of godly living (**light**)?

## **I. How Do We Be Salt To Others?**

### **A. By using Our Voice To Teach Others God’s Ways:**

1. **Proverbs 25:11; Acts 17:16.**
2. Teaching God’s Views On/Giving Advice: Sanctity of life/Abortion; God’s Design for Marriage; Baptism/Sinner’s Prayer; The Church/Denominations...
3. **Ephesians 4:15.**
4. **Colossians 4:5-6.**

### **B. By Rebuking Bad Behavior; Sinful Actions:**

1. **Psalm 141:5; Proverbs 15:31-32.**

### **C. By Encouraging Others:**

1. Good words of encouragement— **Acts 11:23; 1 Thessalonians 5:14.**
2. Good deeds of encouragement— **Acts 9:36-39; 2 Timothy 1:16-18; Heb. 13:3.**

### **D. By Evangelizing In The Community:**

1. **Proverbs 11:30**
2. **Jude 21-23**
3. Your circle of Influence....

### **E. By Not Neglect Making A Difference At Every Opportunity:**

1. We may never have another opportunity in the same way!— **Ephesians 5:16.**
2. Because of the good it will do for others— **Isaiah 55:10-11.**

## **II. How Do We Be Light To Others?**

### **A. Philippians 2:15-16.**

B. Paul was a light to imitate— **1 Corinthians 11:1; 3 John 11.**

C. The Power of a Good example— **1 Timothy 4:12.**

### **We Need To Show Others The Way:**

1. To Use Our Tongue & Words Correctly—**Proverbs 18:21; Ephesians 4:29; 5:4.**
2. To Worship God In Spirit & Truth— **John 4:23-24**
3. To Show Zeal & Dedication In Service— **2 Cor. 9:1-2; Hebrews 10:23-25**
4. To Dress Modestly— **1 Timothy 2:9-10.**
5. To Live A Morally Good Life— **1 Peter 3:10-12;**
6. To Be Content With What You Have— **1 Timothy 6:6-8; Luke 3:14; Heb. 13:5.**
7. To Live With Heaven In View— **Hebrews 10:32-36.**