

SHAKE & SHINE

Kingdom Witnesses to a Watching World

Matthew 5:13-16

Why Do These Verses Follow the Upside Down Living of the Beatitudes?

- We have been blessed to **BE A BLESSING** to others.
- We will **BE PERSECUTED** for living upside down in this world.
- We are to fulfill a **PROPHETIC ROLE** to those far from God.
- We have a **GLOBAL MISSION** to over 3 billion unreached people.

HOW to SHAKE & SHINE as KINGDOM WITNESSES

1. The FACTS about Being Salt and Light.

"You are the salt of the earth...You are the light of the world..." (5:13-14)

Being a Kingdom Witness Is a...

- **SPECIFIC** responsibility.
- **SPECIAL** identity.
- **SINGULAR** quality.
- **SPIRITUAL** accountability.

2. The FUNCTION of Salt and Light.

*The Function of Salt and Light Is to **SHAKE** and **SHINE**!*

The Function of Salt in This Passage

- Be a useful witness by **STAYING SALTY** = *Live with a Kingdom Difference!*
"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again?"
- Be a useful witness by **STAYING TASTY** = *Live with a Kingdom Perspective!*
"but if the salt has become tasteless = foolish"

"Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person." Colossians 4:5-6

We are to STAY SALTY, so the lost get a TASTE of godly wisdom before it's too late!

The Function of Light in This Passage

- Be a visible witness by **NOT HIDING** the difference God makes in us.
"A city set on a hill cannot be hidden;"
- Be a revealing witness by letting them **SEE** God at work in and through us.
"nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house."

"Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation." 1Peter 2:11-12

We are to SHINE BRIGHTLY, so the lost SEE our good works and glorify our Father in heaven!

3. The FAILURE to Shake and Shine.

What Happens When We Fail to Stay Salty and Shine Brightly?

- Tasteless salt (foolish living) is useless and **THROWN OUT** to be trampled underfoot.
- Hidden light (unrighteous or self-righteous living) is the **OPPOSITE** of God's purpose for saving us in the first place.

So Stay Salty and Shine Brightly!

Be who you are in Christ and live with godly wisdom and good works that point to God at work in and through you.

Jesus Says: "You Are Salt and Light, So Shake and Shine!"

Pour On the Salt & Turn On the Light

Live in such a way here on earth that the lost can **taste** and **see** the glory of your Father in heaven!

Some will respond with rejection and persecution, while others will respond with confession and conversion. Either way you are the **salt** and the **light** for them, so **stay salty** and **shine brightly!**