

Christian Influence **Matthew 5:13-16 NLT**

Salt and light represent what every Christian should be:

1. A penetrating and illuminating influence.
2. Something that is both seen and felt.
3. A power to attract and transform!

The Scripture is clear that followers of Jesus are to have a **powerful influence.**
Matthew 28:18-20

A Powerful Christian influencer must possess:

I. THE CORRECT RELATIONSHIP.

To be a powerful Christian Influencer, we must be a Christian.

But the truth is, some people mistakenly believe being spiritual or religious makes them a Christian.

It doesn't.

As Christians, we've been appointed to be "*ambassadors for Christ*"

2 Corinthians 5:20

II. A BIBLICAL UNDERSTANDING OF JESUS.

Christians must read, understand, and obey the Scripture.

When others are searching for answers,

a person with a Christian influence points them toward the Truth they need.

Psalm 119:97

III. CREDIBILITY.

Without a godly lifestyle, we're simply not believable.

No matter what we say about how much we love God
if our life doesn't reflect Him, our words will ring empty.

That doesn't mean we have to be perfect.

It means the path we're following (however imperfectly)
is the one designed by God in His Word.

Colossians 2:6, 7

The Salt of the Earth / The Light of the World

Matthew 5:13-16 Amplified Bible

OUR PURPOSE:

1. TO FLAVOR THE EARTH!

a. If the world does not see Christ in the Christian, where will it see Him?

b. If the world does not feel the power of Christ's presence in the actions of His people, how will they feel it?

2. TO GLORIFY THE FATHER

The light is to shine so that men may be led to trust and glorify the Father.

The Right Priorities will enrich the flavor and brighten the light!!