

An Effective Christian

Matthew 5:13

If a seasoning has no flavor, it has no value.

If Christians make no effort to affect the world around them,
they are of little value to God.

THREE ESSENTIALS TO BEING AN EFFECTIVE CHRISTIAN.

I. PRAYER...

Matthew 9:35-38

We need to talk to God about people before we talk to people about God.

II. CARE...

Matthew 5:13

People will not care how much you know, until they know how much you care.

Salt: a) Creates a thirst. b) Spices things up. c) Preserves.

Be real. Be authentic. People are drawn to sincerity.

Remember the story of the Good Samaritan?

Luke 10:30-37

The world doesn't need more religious people.

The world needs more real Christians.

III. SHARE...

Matthew 5:14-16

People must be able to see the difference in our lives.

Share what God has done in your life.

If we live for Christ, we will glow like lights, showing others what Christ is like.

Be a beacon of truth—

don't shut your light off from the rest of the world.

1. Joy shows on our face.

It shows that we love the master that we serve.

The world sees this.

2. People are watching you, your family, this church.

Daniel 12:3

"It only takes a spark to get a fire going."

You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? **Matthew 5:13a**

You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. **Matthew 5:14**