

THE INFLUENTIAL CHRISTIAN

Mat. 5:13-16

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. ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. 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. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven” ¹³ Vosotros sois la sal de la tierra; pero si la sal se desvaneciere, ¿con qué será salada? No sirve más para nada, sino para ser echada fuera y hollada por los hombres. ¹⁴ Vosotros sois la luz del mundo; una ciudad asentada sobre un monte no se puede esconder. ¹⁵ Ni se enciende una luz y se pone debajo de un almud, sino sobre el candelero, y alumbrará a todos los que están en casa. ¹⁶ Así alumbrad vuestra luz delante de los hombres, para que vean vuestras buenas obras, y glorifiquen a vuestro Padre que está en los cielos”

INTRO:

I. EVIDENCE OF A NEW LIFE

1. *The presence of a pure Christian life*

- 1) Jesus brings a regeneration and transformation to every believer
- 2) The impression that we cause will never change

(1) **1 Tim 1:15** ¹⁵ Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst” ¹⁵ Palabra fiel y digna de ser recibida por todos: que Cristo Jesús vino al mundo para salvar a los pecadores, de los cuales yo soy el primero”

2. *Formation of new habits*

- 1) “You can’t teach an old dog new tricks”
- 2) **2 Cor. 5:17** ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” ¹⁷ De modo que si alguno está en Cristo, nueva criatura es; las cosas viejas pasaron; he aquí todas son hechas nuevas”
- 3) **Col. 3:8-9** ⁸ But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices” ⁸ Pero ahora dejad también vosotros todas estas cosas: ira, enojo, malicia, blasfemia, palabras deshonestas de vuestra boca. ⁹ No mintáis los unos a los otros, habiéndoos despojado del viejo hombre con sus hechos”
- 4) **Col. 3:13** ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you” ¹³ soportándoos unos a otros, y perdonándoos unos a otros si alguno tuviere queja contra otro. De la manera que Cristo os perdonó, así también hacedlo vosotros.”

3. *New concepts of life and things*

- 1) It is said: “Life is according to where one stands to look at it”
- 2) When you are in Christ you see things clearing
 - (1) “I was blind but now I see”

4. *New relations with one another*

- 1) Love toward all
- 2) You belong to the Family of God
- 3) You unite with others

II. THE NEED TO INFLUENCE OTHERS

1. *Three kinds of spectators*

- 1) Those that believe there is no sin and you can do whatever you want
- 2) Those that have their eyes close and don't believe that there are good people (everyone has something to gain)
- 3) Those that believe in the Bible and live according to God's Word

2. *The Rebellious spirit*

- 1) Lack of respect toward authority in the home
- 2) Lack of discipline

3. *False Doctrines in the church*

- 1) False teachings on Jesus
- 2) No miracles
- 3) The authenticity of the Scriptures

4. *Bad habits*

- 1) Drugs
- 2) Immorality
(1) Transgender, etc
- 3) Crime

III. WHY USE OUR CHRISTIAN TESTIMONY?

1. *Save a perishing world*

2. *Save the world that is in darkness*

- 1) 1 Peter 2:9 “⁹ Mas vosotros sois linaje escogido, real sacerdocio, nación santa, pueblo adquirido por Dios, para que anunciéis las virtudes de aquel que os llamó de las tinieblas a su luz admirable” “⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light”