

“GOD’S FEW”

MATTHEW 5: 13-16

Pastor Bill May, Sunday, February 7, 2010

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I. A DESCRIPTION OF DISCIPLESHIP

You are the salt of the earth.(13) You are the light of the world.(14)

II. THE DANGERS IN DISCIPLESHIP

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. (14b)

Nether do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. (15)

III. OUR DUTY AS DISCIPLES

In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see you good deeds, and praise you Father in heaven. (16)

What you are is self-evident. Jesus wants it to be evident to the world that we are salt and light. We are to be that which attracts to the world to God!

Reflections:

- Is my life defined by my relationship with Jesus Christ?
- Can I describe the way I live my life as an influence with others?
- Does my life attract others to Jesus Christ?

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