

“Love Does or It’s Not Love”

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*“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is not longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. 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. **In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.**”*
Mt. 5:13-16

1. Salt that isn’t salty **has no use** and is discarded.

“What good is it my brothers, if a man claims to have faith, but has no deeds? Can such a faith save him?” James 2:14

- What if we all decided to get out of the saltshaker?

2. Light **hidden doesn’t help** anyone.

“Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, “Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.” James 2:15-17

- What if we all decided to live the Bible instead of just studying it?

3. City Lights **can’t be hidden** at all!

“But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.” Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do. You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that – and shudder.” James 2:18-19

- What if we all decided that believing in God wasn’t enough?

4. Good works are for **God’s glory**.

“You see that (Abraham’s) faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did.” James 2:22

What if we all decided to use our words to give glory to God?

This week:

- Compliment someone everyday

- Post something positive on social media daily
- Send a text to someone telling them why you appreciate them everyday
- Write a thank you card to someone just because you're thankful for them
- Call someone to tell them you appreciate them

"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Rom. 12:21