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WOW – A Word on Wednesday!!
THE CHARACTER OF THE CHURCH
“Being Salt and Light”
Matthew 5:13-16

Introduction: When someone looks at you – other than looking at your extraordinary good looks – what do they see? If we could really cut to the chase, it’s not about those good looks, it’s about who you are in Jesus! Throughout history, we’ve had men and women of great stature and status who have had major controversies and character flaws – some who profess to be Christians and some who are not. Let’s take a look at two distinct characteristics of what the Church and Christians should be – Influence and Illumination.

1. Salt – The Character of Influence:

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| a. One thing that salt and light have in common is they both have radical influence with what they come in contact with. | 1 Timothy 4:12 |
| b. Salt makes people thirsty – for the Word of God! | John 4:14 |
| c. We must live the kind of life that’s going to make people thirst for truth of God’s Word. | Colossians 4:6 |
| d. <u>Good</u> character makes thirsty followers (Jesus said follow Me). | Titus 2:7 |
| e. When we live life like a preservative, we help slow down the rate of moral decay. | |
| f. Salt also enhances flavor. We must live the life that shows people that following Jesus enhances their lives.
<i>- Joy, peace, grace, and God’s love!</i> | Mark 9:50 |

2. Light – The Character of Illumination:

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| a. A Christian doesn’t hide their light – they let it shine! | Matthew 5:14 |
| b. Don’t avoid the dark times – let your light illuminate God’s grace. | |
| c. We need to believe in the Good News, so we can become the Good News, so we can share the Good News. | |
| d. We must live the kind of life that’s going to shine His compassion in areas of hostility and hatred. | 1 John 1:7 |
| e. Christ’s life in us, shines His light through us! | John 8:12 |

Oliver Wendell Homes said he “might have become a pastor if certain ministers he knew had not looked and acted so much like undertakers”.

Conclusion: Dr. Tony Evans once said “If you want a better world, composed of better nations, inhabited by better states, filled with better counties, made up of better cities, comprised of better neighborhoods, illuminated by better churches, populated with better families – then start by becoming a better person!”
