

## The Disciple And Good Works

### **Matthew 5:13-16**

Intro:

- A. **Jesus taught His disciples the beatitudes.**
  - 1. They contain the principles of personal relationships and one's life on earth.
  - 2. They are the mature disciples guide.
  - 3. They each have to do with "being".
  
- B. **Being a disciple is more than "being".**
  - 1. The mature disciple is to "do".
  - 2. We are to hear His saying and do them.  
Matthew 7:24
  - 3. One is to "be" and "do".

#### I. Doing Good Works Demands Constancy.

- A. **"Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost its savour, wherewith shall it be salted?" v.13**
  - 1. Christians (the assembly) are as salt.
  - 2. Salt may loose its savour.
  - 3. It cannot become "salty" again.
  - 4. This is the purpose of salt. If it looses its saltiness, it looses its purpose.
  - 5. The one things salt must be is salty.
  - 6. constantly doing good is our "salt".
  
- B. **"...it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men."**
  - 1. nothing = ουδεις = not one thing, "none at all"
  - 2. cast out = βαλλω = "to throw at", "to fall"
  - 3. It can only be used to make paths to walk on.
  
- C. **"ye are the light of the world."**
  - 1. light = φως = "light, the light of the sun."
  - 2. world = κοσμος = "the ordered universe"
  
- D. **"A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid."**
  - 1. hill = οπος = "a mountain"

2. hid = κρυπτω = "to cover", "conceal."
3. The purpose of a city set on a hill was not to conceal it but to reveal and to serve as a beacon to travelers.
4. To conceal it would be to thwart its purpose.

E. **"Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick, and it giveth light unto all that are in the house." V.15**

1. Candles were lighted for one purpose.
2. To put a container over it is to destroy its purpose, its reason for existence.

## II. The Purpose Of Good Works.

A. **"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works..." v.16**

1. works = εργον = "deed", "produced by labor."
2. good = καλος = "beautiful", hence, "good."
3. let shine = λαμψατω = aorist imperative 3<sup>rd</sup> person singular. λαμπω = "to shine,"
4. Light does not have a vocabulary.

B. **"and glorify your father which is in heaven."**

1. glorify = δοξαζω = to lift opinion, praise
2. Good works elevate peoples opinion about God if they are done properly.
3. 1 Peter 2:12