



Trusted & Trustworthy
A Steward is Influential
By Louie Marsh, 1-28-2024

1) God wants me to be a good _____ on others.

“¹³You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:13–16, ESV)

2) Odds are I have more influence than I _____.

“You – you alone are the salt of the earth...” Matt. 5:13 (RCH Lenski translation)

• God is using me to make others more like _____.

- Salt changes the nature of what it’s applied too.
- Light changes how we perceive reality.

3) Being salt & light is what stewardship is – a

“¹⁵And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” (Joshua 24:15, ESV)

• This can only be found within, where God’s Spirit

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*Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? **Have salt in yourselves**, and be at peace with one another.” Mark 9:50 (ESV)*

4) Stewardship Influence is _____ walk & talk.

“¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ¹⁸But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. (James 2:14–18, ESV)

• When the two don’t match I’m in danger of becoming a

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“²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, ²⁶and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone’s bonds were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul cried with a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” ²⁹And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”” (Acts 16:25–30, ESV)



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