

People of Influence (Part 1)

Matthew 5:13-16
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You ARE Salt.

0	Jesus says that if we are His then we ARE the salt of the earth.
0	Salt represents and
0	Salt was critical for and food as well as enhancing its flavor, but also for treating or preventing in the ancient world. • Ezekiel 16:4
0	Salt was so valuable that it was also used in and in establishing • Leviticus 2:13 • 2 Chronicles 13:5
0	Special salt rations given to early Roman soldiers were known as "salarium argentum," the
	forerunner of the English word
0	Someone who earns his pay is still said to be
0	The word also originated from salt and began with the early Romans salting
	their leafy greens and vegetables.
0	Jesus meant for us to slow the and enhance the of the world we live in. We are to have a positive influence on those around us. • Colossians 4:6
0	Impurities cause salt to lose its effectiveness. This does not mean we lose our
	, only our
	• "lose its taste" – $m\bar{o}rain\bar{o}$ – to become insipid; make foolish; lose savor
	 Insipid – lacking flavor or zest; not tasty; lacking qualities that excite,

stimulate, or interest.

John 10:27-29