

## Be Salty – Part 6 Promises, Promises

*“You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. “You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. Matthew 5:13-16 (NLT)*

- To have the flavor of salt: we must be like Jesus.
- To have the flavor of salt: we must possess the right attitude.
- To have the flavor of salt means: I adopt a learning attitude.

### A Learning Attitude Causes Us To:

- Throw off the old sinful nature.
- Put on the new nature.

*You have also heard that our ancestors were told, You must not break your vows; you must carry out the vows you make to the Lord. ‘But I say, do not make any vows! Do not say, By heaven! because heaven is God’s throne. And do not say, By the earth! because the earth is his footstool. And do not say, By Jerusalem! for Jerusalem is the city of the great King. Do not even say, By my head! for you can’t turn one hair white or black. **Just say a simple, Yes, I will, or No, I won’t. Anything beyond this is from the evil one.***

*Matthew 5:33-37 (NLT)*

- To have the flavor of Salt: I must keep my word.

*So be careful how you live. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don’t act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.*

*Ephesians 5:15-17 (NLT)*

### Keeping My Word Takes:

- Careful consideration - v15a
- Godly wisdom - v15b

- Thoughtful action - v16-v17a
- An understanding of God’s will - v17b

**Principle #1: Understanding God’s will empowers me to remove the excuses.**

*Don’t be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts.*

*Ephesians 5:18-19 (NLT)*

**Principle #2: Being Filled with the Spirit is the antidote to a life of Confusion that leads to ruin.**

**Principle #3: The evidence of a life filled with the Spirit, is a heart saturated with Gratitude and relationships that thrive in submission.**

*And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Ephesians 5:20-21 (NLT)*

**Principle # 4: We will always have time for the things we love and value.**

*You’ve been raised on the Message of the faith and have followed sound teaching. Now pass on this counsel to the followers of Jesus there, and you’ll be a good servant of Jesus. Stay clear of silly stories that get dressed up as religion. **Exercise daily in God—no spiritual flabbiness, please! Workouts in the gymnasium are useful, but a disciplined life in God is far more so, making you fit both today and forever. You can count on this. Take it to heart. This is why we’ve thrown ourselves into this venture so totally. We’re banking on the living God, Savior of all men and women, especially believers. Get the word out. Teach all these things. And don’t let anyone put you down because you’re young. Teach believers with your life: by word, by demeanor, by love, by faith, by integrity. Stay at your post reading Scripture, giving counsel, teaching. And that special gift of ministry you were given when the leaders of the church laid hands on you and prayed—keep that dusted off and in use. Cultivate these things. Immerse yourself in them. The people will all see you mature right before their eyes! Keep a firm grasp on both your character and your teaching. Don’t be diverted. Just keep at it. Both you and those who hear you will experience salvation.***

*1 Timothy 4:6-16 (MSG)*

*I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

*Romans 15:13 (NLT)*