

## Salt Creates Thirst!

In Matthew 5:13, Jesus said, *"Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men."* At a young people's class, this text of Jesus was being discussed. Particular attention was being paid to the phrase, *"Ye are the salt of the earth."*

One suggestion after another was made as to the meaning of "salt" in this verse. "Salt imparts a desirable flavor," said one. "Salt preserves from decay," another suggested. Then at last a young girl spoke out of an experience none of the others had. "Salt creates thirst" she said, and there was a hush over the room. Everyone was thinking, "Have I ever made anyone thirsty for the Lord?"

People make others "thirsty" for the gospel by living righteously. Paul wrote, *"That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God"* (1 Thessalonians 4:4-5). You may talk extensively about the gospel, but if you are not living it, no one will listen!

People also make others "thirsty" for the gospel by preaching the truth. When Philip went to Samaria he preached *"the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ"* (Acts 8:12). When he went to the Ethiopian eunuch, he *"preached unto him Jesus"* (Acts 8:35). He did not preach the "health and wealth" gospel nor did he hide what one has to do to be saved!

In this new year, do everything you can to make someone "thirsty" for the Lord! Pray for them, invite them to services, and set up a Bible study with them. The kingdom of God needs you!

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