

Where are Lost People – Have We Lost Our Savor?

¹³ "Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage. Matt 5:13 (MSG)

I

Market Place Ministry

Many of us spend on average 40 hours per week; 160 hours a month; 2,080 hour yearly working hours in the Market Place.

1. Almost all non-Christians are in the marketplace.
2. Almost all Christians are in the marketplace.
3. Discipleship can happen in the marketplace.
4. The marketplace is a more authentic showroom for Christian.
5. The marketplace forces the Church to use all its capabilities.
6. Denominational divisions are less destructive in the marketplace.
7. Everything gets funded from the marketplace.

Have I lead anyone to the Lord in the last **year**?

Most of us have more marketplace **encounters** than anywhere else.

II

Can salt loose its flavor

The question that enters most readers' minds upon hearing these words is, "Can salt really lose its flavor?"

If the salt we are speaking of is NaCl, i.e., **typical table salt**, the answer is No, because NaCl is salty by nature, and so, it cannot lose its saltiness *per se*. However, there are, in fact, three ways that salt can lose its flavor.

As a Christian, we should not lose our saltiness because the Holy Spirit is ever presence in our lives. Can I suggest that just maybe we need to rekindle the flame that the cares of this life try to snuff out!

Consider Ephesians 4:30 (AMP); 2 Timothy 1:6-7 (HCSB)

III

A salty Christian can impact in many ways

- Connect with established communities.
- Make your voice heard (meaning your ideas, values, and areas of expertise).
- Cultivate relationships with other people of influence.
- Choose to lead.

Consider Colossians 4:4-6 (AMP), Acts: 4:13-14 (NKJ)

⁴ That I may proclaim it fully *and* make it clear [speak boldly and unfold that mystery], as is my duty. ⁵ Behave yourselves wisely [living prudently and with discretion] in your relations with those of the outside world (the non-Christians), making the very most of the time *and* seizing (buying up) the opportunity. ⁶ Let your speech at all times be gracious (pleasant and winsome), seasoned [as it were] with salt, [so that you may never be at a loss] to know how you ought to answer anyone [who puts a question to you]. *Colossians 4:4-6 (AMP)*

IV

Diversity and Inclusion

It means respect for and appreciation of differences in **ethnicity, gender, age, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, education, and religion**. However, it is more than this. We all bring with us diverse perspectives, work experiences, life styles and cultures. Many companies have adopted a **Diversity and Inclusion** policy and they cannot leave Christians out.

The **Edict of Toleration** in 311 officially ended the Diocletian persecution of Christianity.

In 313 **Edict of Milan** that legalized Christianity across the whole Empire. *This allowed the spread of Christianity.*

The D & I policy at work has allowed us to share truth's regarding the Bible; such as Marriage, Ethics, Reaching the Lost, Discipleship and Salvation, just to name a few on our Company's Internal Website. Therefore, **this has allowed the spread of Christianity in our Marketplace.**

A salty Christian will make others thirty for Jesus!