



Be Salt

Read [Matthew 5:13-14](#)

**“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt should lose its taste, how can it be made salty? It’s no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled on by men.”
Matthew 5:13**

As followers of Jesus we have the potential to influence. We have the potential to influence others for good. Our lives when lived for Christ, can encourage others to glorify God ([Matthew 5:16](#)). We have the potential to influence others in a negative way ([Luke 17:1-3](#)). To influence others for Christ is to be “salt.” To influence others in negative ways is to be “salt that has lost its taste.”

When we face the extremes of warm summers and cold winters, we understand the importance of a thermostat. When a room is hot we adjust the thermostat and it works in connection with the air conditioner or heating system to adjust the temperature in the room. We could say that the thermostat influences the room.

We can place a thermometer in that same room and the thermometer would be influenced by the temperature of the room. If the room was warm, the thermometer would adjust to the surrounding temperature. As the salt of the earth we are called to influence for Christ not be influenced by our surroundings.

Is your daily life and witness more like a thermometer or a thermostat?

Pray that God will give you strength and wisdom to be a good influence for Him.