The Power of Influence  
Matthew 5:13-16

I. “You are the salt of the earth.”
   a. Salt is necessary for life.
   b. Christians must focus their minds on heaven. (Colossians 3:1-3)
   c. Christians must develop a life consistent with heaven. (Philippians 3:20-21)
   d. The Christian’s influence on earth should be dramatic.
   e. What happens when our influence isn’t what it should be? Mark 9:49-50

II. “You are the light of the world.”
   a. The world is darkness. Ephesians 5:11
   b. Light removes darkness. (John 3:19-21).
   c. I am the light of the world, when I live for Jesus.
   d. What could hide our light?
      i. Fear. Acts 5:17-29
      ii. Desire for acceptance.
      iii. Indifference Revelation 3:14-16
   e. The World needs to see our good works. (Ephesians 2:10)