

# This Is Your Time to Shine

Have you ever heard someone say, “There’s just something about them”? This usually means they see something they admire in a person. They know that individual stands stand out from the crowd, but they can’t quite put their finger on why.

I’m happy when I hear this phrase said about someone who’s a Christian. When we are good to people and God’s love flows through us, there is something that just draws people’s attention.

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Scripture says Christians are the salt of the earth and the light of the world (Matt. 5:13-16). On the job, in the grocery store and even among friends and family members who don’t yet know Christ, God’s people are there to bring seasoning to an unsavory situation.

There is so much turmoil in people’s lives today—so much darkness—and they’re looking for a source of hope. As Christians, we are the ones who can help them find what they need through a relationship with God.

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In Matthew 5:13a (NIV), Jesus says, “But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything.” Somewhere along the way, the lines between godliness and ungodliness have gotten blurred. Things that would have been considered wrong 20 or 30 years ago are considered “not so bad” today. If this continues, I wonder what the next 20 years will bring.

We may need to ask ourselves: What are we showing the world? What is it that keeps us “salty”? As Christians, how do we, as Christians, keep our lights shining in the darkness around us? What sets us apart?

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