

Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will turn you into fishers of people!" Mark 1:17 NET

"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.

Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven. Matthew 5:13-16 MSG

How to Change Your World

1. _____ people.

Take a look around and see—to the right, to the left—no one is there who cares for me. There's no way out of here; no one cares about the state of my soul.
Psalm 142:4 VOICE

2. _____ in people.

It is a good thing to be passionate in doing good, but not just when I am in your presence... Do you know how I feel right now, and will feel until Christ's life becomes visible in your lives? Like a mother in the pain of childbirth.
Galatians 4:18-19 MSG

3. _____ a changed life.

What happens when we live God's way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard. Galatians 5:22 MSG

4. _____ your hope.

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. 1 Peter 3:15 NIV

Strength is for service, not status. Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us, asking ourselves, "How can I help?" Romans 15:1-2 MSG