

Significance II

Proactively planning for how the world sees us

Matthew 5:13-16; Philippians 2:20-22; Colossians 3:12-17; 1 Peter 2:11-12

14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Jesus Christ in Matthew 5

(Illustration using the two pictures – sand pit first)

Imagine a **PERSON** in desperate need for **SPIRITUAL** encouragement.

3 Things He Needs To See From Inside Our Walls

1. A **CLEAR** message with compassionate heart.

20 I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare. ... 22 But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. Philippians 2

Wanted: a neighbor with a real **CONVERSION** who really cares.

2. **GUTS** for His **GLORY**

31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. 1 Corinthians 10 Colossians 3

Wanted: Coworkers with **NERVE**, who will go out on a limb for a good cause.

3. "**HONEST HOLINESS**"

12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

1 Peter 2

Wanted: Churchy friends who live "beyond" but **BELIEVABLE** lives.

We are "lookin" good when we are "set aside" but still good be alongside!!!

Honesty is living a lofty spiritual life that still has a high level of practicality.

Oops! Did we forget an obvious need?!

Where is Pumpkin?



He appreciates our efforts but really would prefer to be rescued!

The world needs to think we look good and believable

BUT ...

My Friends actually need rescued!

As we sang last week let us pray that the footsteps we leave would lead them to believe!