



Get Out & Shine! (& Be Salty!)

Get Out #9

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*“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. 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. **Matthew 5:13-16 (NIV)***

Jesus is describing the nature of His followers.

Nature – The instincts or inherent tendencies directing conduct.

As a follower of Jesus, I choose my nature!

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.

Galatians 5:16-17 (NIV)

Do not quench the Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 5:19 (NIV)

What instincts or tendencies should direct my conduct?

1. I will save & preserve life.

*The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever. **1 John 2:17 (NIV)***

*For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost. **Luke 19:10 (NASB)***

2. I will light the way for others to see.

*I am sending you to them ¹⁸ to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’ **Acts 26:17b-18 (NIV)***

3. I will help others avoid danger.

*Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. **Galatians 6:1 (NIV)***

*See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. ¹³ But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness. **Hebrews 3:12-13 (NIV)***

How do I shine?

1. Decide I want to.
2. Look, Listen, & Live.

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Galatians 5:16-17 (NIV)

3. Persevere.

*But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop. **Luke 8:15 (NIV)***

*Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. **Galatians 6:9-10 (NIV)***
