

WORSHIP

SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONGS:

We Give You Glory, Chosen Generation, This I Believe

WELCOME

My Model. Name one person who you consider to be very intentional.

WORD

MATTHEW 5:13-16

¹³*"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men."*¹⁴*"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; ¹⁵nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."*

Being intentional in engaging our families to follow Jesus means living each day in line with God's purpose and in contrast to the world's. If we live according to God's purpose, as a result, we will surely live in contrast to the world.

Our intentionality in daily living is simply our response to God's intentionality of His purpose.

IN LINE WITH GOD'S PURPOSE

Salt of the Earth (Matthew 5:13) - By appointment from Jesus Himself, we are the salt of the earth and light of the world. As salt, we are to help prevent the threat of decay that ruins families, and we are to live a life with desirable flavor and thirst which the world can never offer or even come close to.

Light of the World (Matthew 5:14) - As light, we are to shine in the dark. The darker it is, the brighter we become. It would be ridiculous to keep light hidden. Our light allows people to see the good works we do in Christ that they may glorify our God.

What else has God appointed us to be?

Ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20) - We are members of a holy nation set apart by God for His glory to proclaim His Excellency who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light (**1 Peter 2:9**). But we are not only just citizens. We are high-ranking officials of heaven. While we do not belong to it, as designated ambassadors, we represent Christ to this world. Our job as ambassadors is to reconcile people to God. We don't have much time left to do this so we must do it immediately and with intentionality.

Witnesses of Jesus (Acts 1:8) - We are witnesses of Jesus by our personal knowledge of Him. Our very own experience with Him that caused our life transformation qualifies us to be His witnesses. We can be a witness even if we do not have a degree in theology. However, the sad truth is, we could finish theological studies and still not be a witness for Jesus. But in just using the Pray-Care-Share approach, we can be a witness wherever we are. We can start at home with our family.

Adopted Children through Christ (Ephesians 1:5) - The Bible says that God has chosen us to be His own children even before time began. If we look back, did any of us ever think that someday we will become followers of Jesus? For most of us, the thought was inconceivable, until God made His intentional move in our life. What may seem to be a coincidence was actually intended by God to be the perfect time for us to join His spiritual family. Not by chance but according to the intentionality of His will. Nothing could have stopped it from happening. By His divine appointment, here we are, following Jesus, chosen children of God.

Being precedes doing. We are called to walk in a manner worthy of our calling (**Ephesians 4:1**) which can start with our family at home: wives submitting to husbands as the church submits to Christ; husbands loving their wives as Christ loves the church (**Ephesians 5:22-25**); young children obeying their parents and adult children honoring their parents; fathers (parents) not exasperating their children, but loving them unconditionally and passing on a godly legacy (**Ephesians 6:1-4**).

WORD (cont'd)

The whole idea behind being intentional is to set in motion something that will last beyond our lifetime (**Psalm 78:1-4, 6-7**). Even if we mess up our lives, it is never too late to be intentional to live in line with God's purpose and in contrast to the world.

IN CONTRAST TO THE WORLD

The Bible tells us that the days are evil (**Ephesians 5:15-16**), therefore we must be careful how we live, being intentional in making the most of our time.

Centuries ago, societies were plagued with evil, abuse, corruption, immorality, and decay; but Christians who lived intentionally made significant impacts on human rights, value of women and children, the poor,

charitable institutions, caring for the sick, education, sanctity of marriage and family, dignity of work, arts, music, literature and science.

The days are evil even in our time. How do we face the evils that threaten to destroy our families and societies? When we are not intentional, we are simply blending with the backdrop of society. People cannot easily spot our difference from anyone else in the world. How are we taking the call to action to be intentional in living a life that is in contrast to the world? But by living in line with God's purpose our lives can make a significant difference. The kind of impact this intentionality can make is beyond what we could imagine. Only time will tell.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)

- 1. You Are.** According to **Matthew 5:13-16** what are the disciples' appointment? Who appointed them?
- 2. Salt and Light.** In what ways can you be a salt of the earth and light of the world? Please be specific.
- 3. My Intention.** How can you live more intentionally starting at your home?

WORKS

I AM AN AMBASSADOR FOR CHRIST

Look at yourself in the mirror and tell yourself:

"I am an Ambassador for Christ."

As you say that, name the characteristics of an ambassador of Christ that you must live out to be worthy of your appointment.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of Public Servants and a God-centered Philippines
- Repentance and Salvation

III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends