

**The Power to Change the World Part 1
The Power of Testimony and Prayer**

Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city 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 men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

How can we be the light of the world?

1. Exercise the power of your Testimony.

Psalms 96:2-3 (NIV)

² Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. ³ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

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Matthew 25:36-40 (NIV)

³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?' ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' ⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me

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Luke 7:22 (NIV)

22 So he replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard..."

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Acts 4:18-20 (NIV)

18 Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

19 But Peter and John replied, "Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God. 20 For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."

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John 9:24-25 (NIV)

24 A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God," they said. "We know this man is a sinner."

25 He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"

2. Exercise the power of Prayer.

Pray for open doors, clarity of speech and wisdom.

Colossians 4:2-6 (NIV)
² Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ³ And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. ⁴ Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. ⁵ Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. ⁶ Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

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Pray for Boldness.

Acts 4:23-24, 29 (NIV)
²³ On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. ²⁴ When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. ²⁹ Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.

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Pray for more witnesses.

Matthew 9:36-38 (NIV)
³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

2. Exercise the power of Prayer.

- **Pray for people you desire to share your testimony with.**
- **Pray for opportunities to be a witness this week.**
- **Pray that you would recognize those opportunities.**
- **Pray for boldness and wisdom to be a witness.**
- **Pray that God would call more workers into the harvest.**
