

Introduction

- A. Do you ever find yourself doubting your contribution to the world as a Christian?
- B. Even if our hard work is never specifically recognized, our neighbors enjoy the benefits of our presence and devotion to God.
- C. Consider just a few of the cases where the supposedly unappreciated work of a believer could have (or did) brought about great benefits to the rest of his contemporaries. **Genesis 18:32; 1 Kings 11:11-13**
- D. We need not underestimate our influence in this world. **Acts 2:47; Acts 5:13**

Discussion

I. The Blessing of the Upright

- A. Christians who are indeed like Christ make the best employees (**Colossians 3:22-24, Ephesians 6:5-8**).
- B. Christians make great neighbors. We are kind, giving (**Galatians 6:10**),
- C. Christians at school make great students. Christian teenagers are supposed to be respectful, decent, orderly, and willing to quietly receive instruction.
- D. Christians make good public servants.

II. Flourishing Under Righteousness

- A. God can judge nations. **Jeremiah 18:7-10**
- B. Would you rather have tyranny? **Proverbs 28:12; Proverbs 29:12**

III. Making A Difference In The World

- A. *"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden... Let your light so shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven"* (**Matthew 5:14-16**).
- B. My presence assures others that it is all right to pursue spiritual things. **Matthew 6:33**.
 - 1. My example as a parent can help others.
 - 2. Seeing me discipline my children in righteousness can reaffirm in people's minds that it actually works. **Proverbs 13:24, Proverbs 22:6**.
 - 3. The example of a Christian wife reveals the immense beauty of the "worthy woman". **Proverbs 31:30**
 - 4. Our young people can be lights.

Conclusion

The Christian has a very "revealing" effect on the world. His or her influence (the "light") reveals what is normal and right for humanity.