

Salt of the Earth

A man walked into a grocery store and asked, 'Do you sell salt?' 'Ha,' said the storekeeper, 'Do we sell salt! Just look!' He showed the customer one entire wall of shelves stocked with nothing but salt – rock salt, iodized salt, sea salt, garlic salt, Epsom salts – every kind of salt imaginable.

'Wow,' said the customer. 'You think that's something,' said the storekeeper, 'Come with me.' He led the customer to a back room filled with shelves and bins and cartons and boxes of salt. 'Do we sell salt!'

'Incredible,' said the customer, 'You really do sell salt.' 'No,' said the storekeeper, 'That's just the problem. We don't sell salt, but that salt salesman, oh boy, does he sell salt!'

'You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavour? Can you make it useful again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.'
Matthew 5:13.

The most obvious quality of salt is that it lends flavour to food. As Christians we should be adding flavour to life. Unfortunately, that is not always the case, and all too often people associate Christianity with negative attributes such as judgmental, exclusive and boring. If we really want to promote Christianity, it is important that we are seen to be full of the joys of life and embracing all and sundry with love.

'Always be full of joy in the Lord. Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do.' Philippians 4:4-5

Raffle

We still have tickets available for the 'His and Hers' hampers. \$10/ticket, \$50/book of 5. Money to be paid into 06 0991 0055055 01. Surname in Particulars and Raffle in Reference. Drop me an email and I will allocate ticket numbers to you.

Life's Philosophers

George Roberts...

The first piece of luggage on the carousel never belongs to anyone.

WH Auden..

We are here on earth to do good unto others. What the others are here for, I have no idea.

Arnold Schwarzenegger...

Having more money doesn't make you happier. I have 50 million dollars but I'm just as happy as when I had 48 million.

HRH Prince Philip...

When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife.

Vaccination

I do hope you are getting vaccinated. There is so much misinformation out there but the reality is, it is safe, and for the country to throw off the shackles of lockdowns, we have to all be vaccinated. Remember this, it is not so much about your freedom of choice as it is about your neighbour being free from being infected by you. It is a basic Christian ethic to 'care for our neighbour.'

Returning to Church

As with lockdown last year, we will not be gathering together in our church for worship until we reach Level 1.

Time for a Smile

A hunter is on a safari with his wife and mother-in-law when the mother-in-law gets separated and cornered by a lion. 'Quick!' the wife shouts to her husband, 'Do something!' 'No way,' says the hunter. 'The lion got himself into this mess. He can get himself out of it.'



To Ponder

'God promises a safe landing but not a calm passage.' Bulgarian proverb

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