

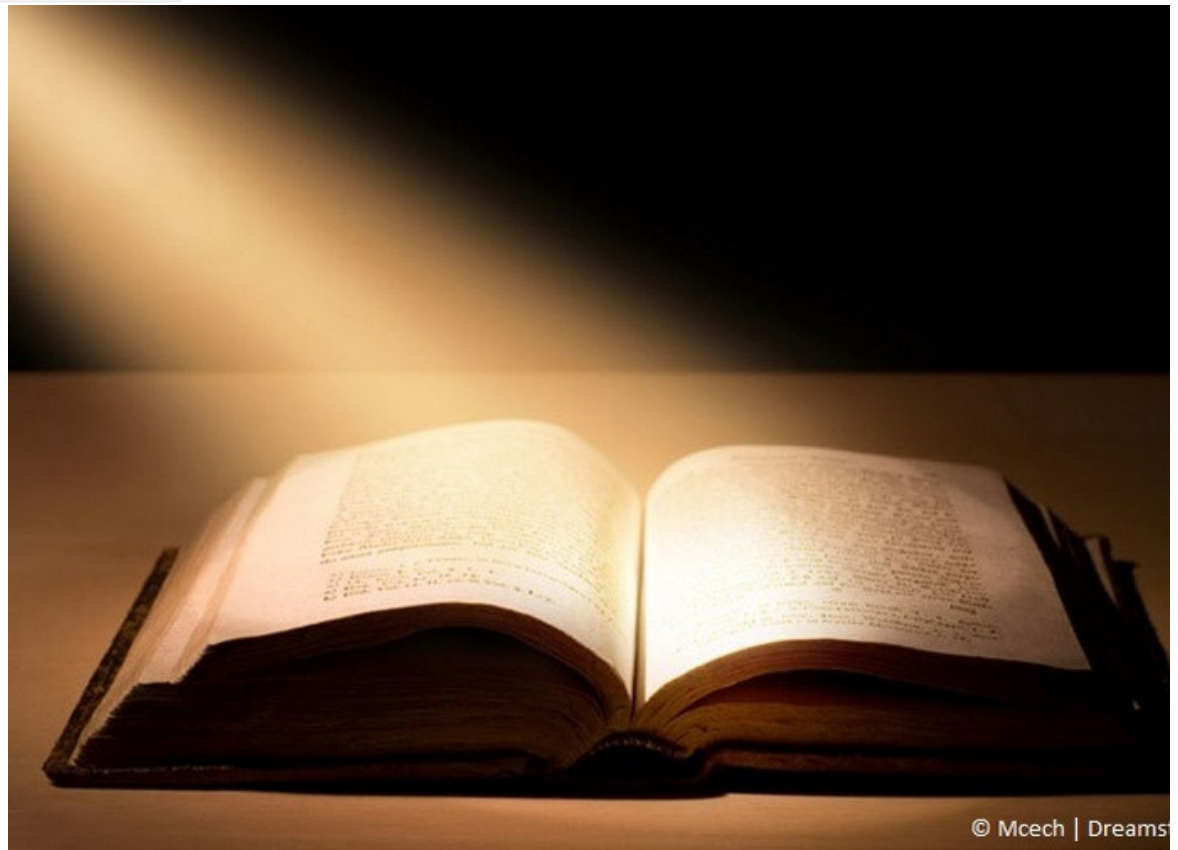
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## Actions not words

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*Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5: 13-16)*

Salt must first dissolve to give food real taste. When this happens, it appears to our eyes that the salt has lost its essence while the taste of the salted food makes it clear that it has not. This is also the case with Jesus and His disciples. The most fruitful testimony is usually the least obvious: words are easier to hear and can make us proud, while our daily actions, often not manifest, may seem less effective but if done to give greater glory to God they will surely be more eloquent than a thousand words. Today, let us try to give salt to our actions much more than to our words.