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Sermon Title: EXPECT MORE

Isaiah 60:1-4

Scripture: Matthew 5 v 13 - 16 (NKJV)

"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavour, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

1. **Remember the higher purpose** 1 Tim 4 v 12

Timothy was quite capable of setting an example for others even though he was young

Likewise you are capable of setting a life changing example for someone else - regardless of your personal struggles

2 Cor 6:14

Family background... your level of Christian education... your past... or your ability to see yourself as a role model...

(Phil 3 v 8 -14)

2. **Words mean even less**

"Preach the Gospel at all times --- use words if necessary."

Words certainly have their place in a believer's life.

The right words at the right time - can change lives. But words must be accompanied by loving actions and concerns. Jesus set the example.

He involved Himself in the lives of others - He demonstrated His love through compassionate interaction.

3. **The Glory always goes to God** - Acts Chapter 3

Celebrity is a powerful draw - Peter saw something in the crowd's eyes that made him uncomfortable (Hero worship) - v 12 - Peter wanted to make sure God gets the credit (Glory).

Jer 29:11-12

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. (NKJV)