

## **New Year 2012!** ***Slide Notations***

**Matthew 5.13-7.29** “You are the salt of the earth, but if the salt loses its flavor who will use it for food? If it is not good for food then it will be thrown out to be walked on by men. You are the light of the world! A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Men don’t put their lamps under a basket but on a stand so that it “lights up the whole room! Let your light shine before the eyes of men so that they can see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven... step up your conduct (v17-48)... step up your good works (**6.1-18**)... handle your money with your eyes on God, trust Him with the outcome of your life, which will astound them (**v19-34**)... “live honestly among men, live prayerfully before God, walk warily thru the world and obediently to My words... and if you will do these things you will succeed! And maintain your astonishment at His lordship and authority!

**2012... Will be a watershed year/morally...** Sides will be set, lines will be drawn... Many Christians will be forced to decide where they will make their bed/stand... There is no such thing as “COEXIST!” We are in the world, not of it (**J15/17**), we are separated unto God, not integrated into it (**2Cor6.17**).

**2012... Will be a watershed year/politically...** With the elections coming up... Christians are going to have to be fully involved... Vote your heart/ must be founded on issues willing to live/die for... Must be found on God’s side! Will live in grace or judgment! **R13.1**

**2012... A watershed year/economically...** Really important that we get started right! “From the beginning you have gone away from My ordinances to do things your own way, return to Me and I will return to you!” **Mal 3.7** Your covenant will float you, or...

**The way to walk... Maintain your savor!** Epicurean: taste fit for a king! Tasty, worth eating, wanting more! Certainly in Jesus mind was the preservation of the world thru our lives! If you lose that value/men you were sent to save will walk all over you!

**Maintain your light!** And let the light shine on God’s work in your life! Keep your lamp full of oil to burn! Keep your wick trimmed/brightest! And realize that if your light becomes darkness, then the darkness becomes great! **Mt6.23**

**Step up your conduct!** Whatever is *good enough* can only be good enough to stand on as you step up from it to better! Jesus changed the way we relate to God, man and everything! **“You have heard it said, but I say!”**

**Step up your good works!** Look for ways to fulfill His will! Nothing but “good!” Help more people! Love more purely! Look for solutions instead of compromises!

**Trust God more!** From money to the future, in confrontation and prayer, from choosing the way to bearing fruit – Trust that the One who saved you will bring you to the end of your life safely! And strive to obey Him more than ever! He would rather have your obedience than your sacrifice!