

You Are Needed
Matthew 5:13-16
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Thesis: I want to show that our Christian example is needed in the world.

Intro:

1. The world needs Christ. (**Jn 14:6**)
2. The world denies Christ. (**Psalm 14:1**)
3. Your friends need you. (**Prov 12:26**)
4. Your family needs you. (**Deut 6:6-9**)

I. The world needs you.

- A. The world has forgotten what is right and what is wrong. (**Isa 5:20**)
 1. The world does what pleases them. (Abortion, homosexuality as viewed by the world, etc) (**Romans 1:22-32**)
 2. Some can be saved – (**Jn 3:17, Acts 28:27**)
- B. The world will pay the price.
 1. All the world will one day pay for the way they have gone. (**2 Cor 5:10**)
 2. They cannot turn to the truth unless they are told what to do. (**Acts 2:37-38**)
 3. The world thinks it has plenty of time (**Acts 24:25**).

II. Your friends and family need you.

- A. Your friends need you to be a godly example.
 1. Friends can build you up or tear you down, and vice versa. (**Prov 18:24**).
 2. Christian friends are the best friends of all. (sharing like faith, like convictions and the same love for the Lord and encouraging one another –**Rev 2:10**)
- B. Your family needs you to help guide them in learning about God & following Him.
 1. Our families must be educated in the ways of the Lord. (**Deut 6:6-9**)
 2. Our family needs to be seeking God first (**Mt 6:33**).

III. We ALL have work to do. (**Mk 16:15**).

- A. We are to bring “glad tidings” (**Rom 10:14-15**).
 1. The world cannot save itself (**Acts 4:12**).
 2. We must reach out in love (**Eph 4:15** – sometimes the world is very wearisome).
- B. We must be what Christ wants us to be for the world.
 1. We must take advantage of our opportunities. (**Jn 11:8**).
 2. We must do what we can to teach others

Conc:

1. “The world is filled with people who can be taught” (**Mt 19:16**).
2. However, we cannot be discouraged or stop working because of the few who do NOT want to be taught or learn.
3. There are still many who are willing to learn (**John 4:35**).
4. Full Invitation