

Matthew 5:13

You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

My wife and I enjoy watching the Food Network, especially the cooking and baking competitions. When we do, one thing always comes up, and that is in regard to the seasoning of the food. Some just don't have enough seasoning, or even not enough salt, so it tastes bland. While others will have too much seasoning, which overpowers the food and all you get is the seasoning. A few reasons for these things are that the chef does not taste the food, or has the taste seasoned to his or her liking, which is fine, but when others want to eat their food, they want the seasoning to be just right for their own taste. So a good chef will find that perfect balance of seasoning and salt in their food that will please all palates.

I also remember my mom, as soon as she got a plate of food, the first thing she would do was grab the saltshaker and start putting salt on her food without even tasting it. But most others will taste the food first, then add salt if needed, or even determine if it is edible based upon the salt content.

The same is true when sharing the gospel, or even talking to people or helping them out with a question or issue happening in their life. Some will share with others but give very little if any scripture at all. They are like those who do not salt or season their food, so when they share with them, it tastes bland to the person's heart or mind that is hearing it, and they will reject it. Others will pour out the scripture and throw in a bunch of other scriptures, which have nothing to do with what is being shared or asked and they go all over the place when sharing the gospel or God's word. These are like the ones who over season their food and add extra seasoning that draws people away from the main food, and they don't want to hear what we have to say, because it's just a bunch of babbling to them.

Then those like my mom who salt food before tasting it, are those who ask you a question, yet are so quick to throw in what they think and feel, and don't even give the gospel or God's word a chance.

✠ **1 Corinthians 3:18** *Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise.*

So, if we want to learn how to be a great chef with the gospel, we must learn from the Master Chef, Jesus, because when He cooked (Spoke God's word) everyone listened and enjoyed it.

† **John 7:45-46** *Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this Man!"*

† **Matthew 7:28-29** *And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.*

† **Mark 11:18 (NLT2)** *When the leading priests and teachers of religious law heard what Jesus had done, they began planning how to kill him. But they were afraid of him because the people were so amazed at his teaching.*