"Joyful Witnesses"

Acts 1:8; Matthew 5: 13-16

Acts 2: 46-47

"Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with *glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people.* And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Scripture: Acts 1:8

 "8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Scripture: Matthew 5: 13-16

• 13 "You are the salt of the earth.

But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

Scripture: Matthew 5: 13-16

- 14 "You are the **light of the world**. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.
- ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

Scripture: Matthew 5: 13-16

 ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Quote: Sheldon Vanauken

 "The best argument for Christianity is Christians: their joy, their certainty, their completeness. But the strongest argument against Christianity is also Christians -- when they are somber and joyless, when they are self righteous and smug in complacent consecration, when they are narrow and repressive, then Christianity dies a thousand deaths."

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Application

2. People who demonstrate their love for God by loving and serving others.

"Joyful Witnesses" Acts 1: 8 Paradigm