
Reaching Out: Learning From an Evangelizer

2 Corinthians 5:8-21 – 6:1-10

What compelled Paul to do what he did? A success in every human sense of the word, he set aside his personal accomplishments and made disciple-making his life's purpose. Verbally appointed to be an apostle by Jesus Himself, Paul gives us a sense of what kept him evangelizing. We can observe at least 10 characteristics from the heart of Paul that motivated him, and which should motivate us to evangelize as well:

- 1. A Sober Sense of Ultimate _____**

⁸ We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.
⁹ Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.
¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.
¹¹ Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.
- 2. A Humble Desire to _____ the _____**

¹² For we do not commend ourselves again to you, but give you opportunity to boast on our behalf, that you may have *an answer* for those who boast in appearance and not in heart.
¹³ For if we are beside ourselves, *it is* for God; or if we are of sound mind, *it is* for you.
- 3. A Logical Understanding of Christ's _____**

¹⁴ For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died;
- 4. A Proper View of Our _____**

¹⁵ and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.
¹⁶ Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him thus* no longer.
¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

- 5. A Full View of Our _____**

¹⁸ Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,
¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.
- 6. A Clear Declaration of Our _____**

²⁰ Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.
²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
- 7. A Careful Walk of _____ Living**

^{6:1} We then, *as* workers together *with Him* also plead with *you* not to receive the grace of God in vain.
² For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation.
³ We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed.
- 8. A Willing Acceptance of the _____**

⁴ But in all *things* we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses,
⁵ in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings;
- 9. A Proper View of Our _____**

⁶ by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love,
⁷ by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,
- 10. An Accurate Perspective of the _____**

⁸ by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and *yet* true;
⁹ as unknown, and *yet* well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and *yet* not killed;
¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and *yet* possessing all things.