
What's Our Purpose?: A Study in Contrasts – Part 1

1. Not to Please _____ But to Please the _____

(Col 3:22-24) Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God. And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

2. Not to Teach What We _____ to _____ But What

We _____ to _____

(Acts 20:27) For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.
(2 Tim 4:1-4) I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: ² Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. ³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; ⁴ and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.
(1 Thes 2:4-5) ⁴ But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts. ⁵ For neither at any time did we use flattering words, as you know, nor a cloak for covetousness-- God *is* witness.

**3. Not To _____ But To _____
For Others**

(1 Thes 2:6-9) ⁶ Nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, when we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. ⁷ But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing *mother* cherishes her own children. ⁸ So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us. ⁹ For you remember, brethren, our labor and toil; for laboring night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, we preached to you the gospel of God.

4. Not To _____ Everyone But To _____ Everyone

(1 John 2:18-19) Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but [they went out] that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

5. Not To Teach Man's _____ But God's _____

As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving. Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. (Col 2:6-8)
O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane [and] idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge – by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith. Grace [be] with you. Amen. (1 Tim 6:20-21)

6. Not to Pursue _____ But To Preach the _____

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane [and] idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. (2 Tim 2:15-16)

7. Not To Make God _____ of Your _____ But To Make Him the _____ of It

8. Not To Temporarily Change Your _____ But To Permanently Change Your _____

9. Not To Develop _____ But _____

10. Not To _____ But To _____

11. Not to Focus on _____ Accomplishments but _____ Victories

12. Not To Make Us _____ But To _____ To The Image of Jesus Christ