

Courage for Your Ministry: Learning from the Pattern of Paul

Lesson #1 – God Is in This, **So Don't Give Up** (2 Corinthians 4:1-6)

Lesson #2 – God Will Keep Us Forever, **So Don't Give Up** (2 Corinthians 4:7-18)

Lesson #3 – Our Longings Will Be Met, **So Keep Looking Up** (2 Corinthians 5:1-5)

Lesson #4 – We Have an Audience of One, **So Don't Get Distracted** (2 Corinthians 5:7-11)

Lesson #5 – God's Love Motivates Our Ministry, **So Focus on Him** (2 Corinthians 5:12-15)

Lesson #6 – God Is Using You, **So Boldly Point People to Him** (2 Corinthians 5:16-21)

* What two things do you need to keep in mind from 5:14-15 when studying the verses which follow?

- 1) Christ died for _____.
- 2) I should live _____.

A. How we _____ people is important. (5:16-17)

1. We can choose to see all people, not "according to _____", but as a person for whom Christ died. (5:16)
2. We can choose to see ourselves, not as an independent person, but as "_____". (5:17)

B. God has _____ three important things for us. (5:18-19)

1. God "has _____ us to Himself through Jesus Christ." (5:18a)
2. God "has _____ us the ministry of reconciliation." (5:18b)
3. God "has _____ to us to word of reconciliation." (5:19)

C. We work with God in a _____ position. (5:20-21)

²⁰ For Christ, therefore, we are ambassadors,
as though God were calling through us,
we beg for Christ, “Be reconciled to God.” (a new independent translation)

1. We live “for Christ” as an _____. (5:20a)

*What does an ambassador do? He wins _____.

2. God calls _____ when we urge others to be reconciled to Him. (5:20b-21)

*What does God do through us? He _____.

parakaleō = to call to one, call for, summon

- a. *sometimes to invoke, beseech, entreat*
- b. *sometimes to admonish, exhort, confront*
- c. *sometimes to cheer, encourage, comfort*

*What do we do in our reconciliation ministry which is for Him? We _____.

deomai = to beg, request, beseech, pray

*What has God already done to reconcile people? God has done the _____.

- *“He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us”*
- *“that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”*

*How does a person become reconciled to God? A sinner must _____.

- See 2 Corinthians 4:3-4
- See also John 3:16, Romans 3:21-26, 4:3-8, 5:1-10, Ephesians 2:8-9, etc.