

God Works Through Us - 2 Cor. 5-7

V. 11-21 -

Last Sunday: Power of Dedicated Life -

Next Still: Gifts & Opportunities

Glorify Christian Service.

" & doing God's will -

" Participating in God's plan

Work done by the Power of God -

We are weak - frail -

Each person must give account -

ask your opinion: What is the biggest
News Event that happened this year?

I think Kennedy's Death - Friday Before

How much have you talked about this event?
To friends & others.

Why was it the biggest event?

WHAT is the biggest news event you happened?

Response

Death of Jesus -

Resurrection of Jesus -

Plan of Salvation -

How much have you talked about this news event?

Do we have a responsibility as Christians to talk about this event?

~~What are~~
True or false; Great Med in Church - Witness.
To labor for the Ed. of Ours.

Would becoming pagan -
evangelization of lost not helping base -

Why do Christians not try to confront
lost persons with claims of Christ?
[Do not know how to go about it -
Need guidance -

Should not come by a person of the world?
or fear a legitimate man.

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most willing discipline?
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reasonable thing to respect God?
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V.11 What was the foundation + starting point with Paul in his approach to others for X?

What sort of understanding did Paul desire between himself and his Corinthian friends?

Would such understanding be necessary or desirable by Christians today as they seek to witness to the saving power of Jesus?

Some people said Paul was mad.
Other " " " " Seeking own glory.

First Motive = V.11 - What was it?
"Terror of the Lord"

What did Paul mean by the terror of the Lord?

Is fear a legitimate motive in Christian service?

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us to respect God?

~~Have you ever had any~~
The ministry of Reconciliation committed
to each gas - instruments
of his service -
To be God's man in the midst of this evil world
should strike terror in us all!

"We Persuade Men" - Does this mean Overpower?
Not power of men but of God!

"Manifest before God" - Open - We make effort
to hide our imperfections -
God knows us as we are!

"Corinthians" would also know him as he
nally was!

V. 12 "Commend NOT" - What does that mean?
many opponents accused him of boasting

V. 13 What is the accusation here?
(out of his mind)
for what reason did that make accusation?

Have you ever had anyone call you crazy?
For being different from crowd?
(Conflict between will of God & opinions of men)

"If some people think I am acting like a mad man,
I do it for God's sake, but you know that
I am acting in my right mind, I want
only to help you" (Modern translation).

V. 14 What is the second motive?

Did He have in mind our love for Christ, or
Christ's love for us? (1 John 4:19)

The fruit of a Christian is another Christian" - can
you justify that statement by this verse?

The well was 40 feet deep and dark. . . . The faint gleam that met the eyes of Mrs. Wayne Cordle when she peered into the well . . . looked at first like a reflection. Then with a shock of horror she realized what it was:

"I saw the blond hair of my baby floating near the surface." . . .

Somehow the young mother squeezed herself through the 1-foot-wide opening. . . . The shaft's walls of rough fieldstone offered footholds and handholds. . . . Finally she reached the water, groped beneath its surface, fished out the limp body. . . .

"I pumped her arms, then I blew into her mouth like I had read about people doing. . . . Then all of a sudden she started crying."

How long it took her to work her way back up the shaft, inch by inch, . . . Mrs. Cordle didn't know. All she knew was that she made it, that helping hands of a neighbor

were waiting at the top, and—above all else—that her baby was alive."

love will prompt actions that would not otherwise be taken

What is the greatest act of love the world has ever seen?

the sacrifice of Jesus

if one died - We no longer belong to ourselves -
word "self" : a fact, not a possibility.

V.15 - Love of Christ compels us to recognize that
Christ died for us all -
Dead to old man -

V.16 What information did Paul reveal about
himself?

New man - Led of Spirit - No selfish desires -
(live for self, use others as instruments
for his own purpose) -

Ministry 17-18

V.17 - What is the best way to show our love for Christ?
(tell others of saving power) -

New - Total transformation -

world - did not change - His intent - Purpose

New Birth - icha there -

V.18 What did Paul call his activity or work?
(Reconciliation).

~~What is work of an ambassador? (country)~~

What part do we have in winning people to Christ?

Word: Reconciliation = Enemies of God

opposed to his plan, purposes — New
privilege to participate in God's plan.

What happens when we ~~proceed~~ fall out? (I surrender) R-
Do you think Christ expects every Christian
to confront lost ~~people~~ persons with
The claims of Christ?

What steps are necessary to become
an effective Christian witness?

V. 19 Provided for Every man —
NOT Every man has reconciliation.
Gospel.

Message 19

What is the essential message that we
will give to lost persons when we speak
to them?
(Christ did for them)

V. 20 What is an Ambassador?
In what sense are we ambassadors for Christ?

Instruments of God — Sent — Representatives —
Direct appeal — all men be reconciled to God!

V. 21 In what respect did Christ become sin for us?

We can tell lost persons about our Lord -
" " Only witness to the grace of Christ -

Are we doing all we can now?
How can we go about this task?
(Prayer - I tell conversion Experience) -

What would be my spiritual condition if
someone had not helped me find Christ?

What is my greatest handicap in becoming
a soul winner & what can I
do about it? -

The Grace of Generosity 2 Cor. 8-9

2 Cor. 9:6-15. Stewardship

Stewardship Roll Call - 40 denominations ahead - Ref. 50.00 per year

Materialistic age: Can we prove this yet?

Fairfield Osborn: Both the waste makers -

"We Americans have used more of the world's resources in the
last 40 years than all the people of the world had used in the
4,000 years of recorded history up to 1914."]

How could this be possible?

What are the many things we enjoy? abundance

Has this abundance made it easier or harder to be good stewards?

Phase of Paul's Ministry - collecting funds for
The Poor in Jer. clue: about collection & delivery of

Motivate generosity - Principles of Stewardship.

2 cor. 8:9 - Riches found in Christ.

Eng. Word (Stewardship) grows out of 2 Greek words oikos - House
nomos - Law.

"The Law of the House" or "The Management of the Household"

Steward had charge of the management of the house. A rich man
or king employed a faithful steward to care for home, property.

Jesus - applied this to christianity Luke 19:12-27.

Teach us to use Money for his profit & glory.

1 Tim 6:10A = Root - Rich young (ruler), sorrowful

Foolish (farmer) Luke 14:15-24

Luke 16:13 - Not serve God & Mammon.

You are going to leave everything on earth - Account

"To give until it hurts" - How would you react to this type?

Pr. SOWING 6-7

V. 6 Principle of sowing -

Why do you put several seed in one "hill" where you expect a plant?

How would you seed a lawn?

Does the sowing have any influence on the (harvest)?

In what way does the law of sowing & reaping apply
to (christian giving)?

Are There Material Rewards for good Stewardship?
What rewards would you consider "honourful" returns?
What determines whether a person reaps "honourfully"?
Matt. 10:8

Discuss The Effects of generosity and The lack
of it upon one's own life!

Paul - asking for offering 2 cor. 8

What was the specific need?

Why did such need exist? (gt.)

How did Paul use the Macedonians as a means of
encouraging the Corinthians?

Notes: Prepare for the collection - v. 5

One who sows will reap - in proportion

Inferior - seed or insufficient amount of fertilizer

Not if you give so much away, God will return all that

v. 7 What characteristics of giving are pointed out?

In what spirit should any gift be offered?

"Purposeth in his heart" [Think, Through, Prayer &
considers carefully stewardship responsibility]

Should giving be planned? wisdom of -

What kind of giving is unacceptable?

What kind of "phases" God?

Decision to give comes from the Heart

Not from Pressure or Compulsion.

One should not give what he does not want to give!

"Begrudges" it is

What about public opinion in drives - community chest etc -

Not saying God does not love one who refuses to give -

But " " " " " love one learns to give freely -

"Cherful" - kindness - graciousness - responds to
need -

No thought of Bargaining with God to obtain favor.

Discussion: Wisdom of Planned deliberate giving
as opposed to impulsive, undisciplined giving!
(Some welfare is well-meaning but badly directed generosity)

Who makes it possible for us to be generous?

Sufficiency 8-11

V. 8 Grace - in healing and in Salvation.

God provides enough for us to pass on his
good things to others -

"That ye" - become God's instruments in the good works -

V.9 - Read Psalm 112:9 Man who sows God's will
under all circumstances -

do it possible for gifts of generosity to multiply
themselves? (Lottie Moon -
Mission - other - Ed. a Boy

Do we consider it a joyful privilege to
give to the poor?

"Righteousness" remains that had in mind the good
man of the O.T. & Righteousness which comes to Believer
in Christ - This provides incentive for giving to poor.
R. not separated from gifts & services.

V.10 - Isaiah 55:10 - Paul made application directly
to God.

God's rain which supplies the seed & the bread

will supply & multiply
ability to earn & enjoy comes from him -

Hosia 10:12 -

Why does God, who gives us all things, want
us to "increase the fruits" of our righteousness?

V.11 Two Directions of Thanksgiving!

① When I become an instrument for supplying the needs
of others & I cry out Thanksgiving.

② When the individual receives the blessing which
I have been able to convey to him, he thanks in joy.

How much is enough Materially?

Is it true the more we make the more we spend?

Do you think a person should wait until he feels he can afford to tithe before starting?

(A. A. Hyde - Men. Pol. - \$100,000 in debt when started T.)

In what way will God help us if we try to be good stewards?

How does generosity increase our interest in the Lord's work?

Is there a danger that money will become too important to us?

Service - V.12-15

V.12 Extreme needs.

(Note) the value of his offering -

" " Results ... or Blessings!

✓ (1) Meet Material needs.

✓ (2) Lead to expressions of abundant thanksgiving.

Jer. ch. became needs of suffering met

Cor. ch " God allowed them to participate.

✓ (3) Serving God -

What are some of the ways our Tithe under aid to human needs?
 orphanage, hospital, school

12.b. Ministry of Christian encouragement -

V.13 Ministry of Christian testimony -

How does our Stewardship testify concerning our Christian sincerity?

- (1). Subject to demands of Gospel.
 - (2). Sincerity & unity with fellow saints in Jer.
- if a person denies his responsibility in regard to the needs of others, is he a part of Jesus?

V. 14 - Prayers of Jer. ch. would ring in abundance for Cor - gifts of love & mercy impossible without grace -

V. 15 - What is the gift for which he gave thanks?

No human language can fully describe -

What is the most impelling reason we should be good stewards?

Greatest Motivation -

Reasons Why Some Respond to giving?

- (1). I've got to do it
- (2). It's a worthy cause - *hurricane relief*
- (3). For self-interest
- (4). For respectability -
- (5). Feeling of guilt - Balance good & bad -
- (6). Sensitive about some cause -