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Goals For 2020
Theme
 A Church With 2020 Vision
Attendance: Sunday Bible Study: 40;
Sunday AM: 50
Sunday PM: 40; Wednesday Bible Study: 30

Giving: Meet Our Yearly Budget

Invitations: 130

Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading

Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer

Every Member Committed To Be At Every Service

Hold a "Bible Basics" Class
Hold A Men's Training Class

Hold One Gospel Meeting

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We are now in the 46th week of our Bible Reading.

Prayer List
 Sharon Nale
 Les & Novema Dunn
 Debby Spears (Roseann's sis)
 Sharon Thompson
 The Wards & Beth McFarland
 Dale Kahl
 Brooke Thomas
 Pam Caudill

Evangelism: Matt 28:19, Mark 16:15, Acts 5:42; 8:4, Rom. 10:13-16, 2 Tim. 2:2

Who Have You Invited To Services This week?

Lord's Supper Reading
 Matt 26:26-29

Scripture Reading
 AM: Matt. 6:19-21
 PM: Mark 1:16-18

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month: 2
 Invites last month: 110
 Visitors last year: 48
 Visitors YTD: 8

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Proper Priority, Focus and Perspective

Welcome!
 If you're visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome and we want you to feel like our honored guest! We also want you to know that all we're interested in here at the Clarksville Church of Christ is the Truth. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. The truth He's talking about is God's word. Jesus said, "Sanctify them by thy truth, Thy word is truth." John 17:17. Therefore we hope you'll appreciate that we'll give you book, chapter and verse from the Bible, the word of God, for everything that we say or do here today, so that everything that we do may bring glory unto God, I Pet. 4:11.

Intro: Read Matt 6:19-21. It is imperative that we keep the proper priorities, focus and perspective in our lives. Let's take a look at this idea this morning. Unfortunately we all live very hectic hurried lives. This take a toll:

- On Our Children
- On Our Spouses
- On Our Bodies
- On Our Spiritual Lives

I. Priority

Lk 16:9, Tim. 6:17-18, Eccl. 7:14
 Mk 9:43ff, Mt 6:24, 33

II. Focus

Eccl. 7:2, Hosea 6:4, I Thes. 5:17
 2 Tim. 2:15, Heb. 10:25; 3:13

III. Perspective

Prov. 23:5, Eccl. 12:13, Mt 6:19-21

Fishing For Men

Intro: Read Mark 1:16-18. In serving God not only are we required to properly manage our own lives so that we may enter Heaven, we must also make the proper effort to save others. Let's take a look at this idea of Fishers For Men, this evening.

I. Come

Mt 11:28, Lk 9:23, Col. 3:5-13, I Pet. 1:12-16

Jn 5:39-40, Heb. 12:1ff

II. After Me

Jn 14:6; 6:45, Mt 23:15, Jn 15:5

Jn 3:5, Gal. 3:26ff

III. I Will Make You _____ of _____

Mt 28:19; 5:16, I Cor. 15:58

Mt 6:33, Col. 3:1-2

IV. The _____ of Fishers

Rom. 6:17-18; 3:23; 6:23; 16:26

V. The Need of _____

Mt 28:19, Mk 16:15-16, II Tim. 2:2

Jn 4:35, Lk 10:2, Ez. 3:17-19

Slave To All

Paul said this and Timothy understood the application. In 1 Corinthians 9, Paul is defending his right to be paid for his labor in the kingdom. In this context, he mentions an often misunderstood passage.

“For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I may win more. To the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Law though not being myself under the Law, so that I might win those who are under the Law; to those who are without law, as without law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, so that I might win those who are without law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some. I do all things for the sake of the gospel, so that I may become a fellow partaker of it” (1 Cor. 9:19-23).

Some have used the idea of “becoming all things to all men” with great liberty. Paul clearly mentions being “under the law of Christ.” He is not saying that he acted outside the boundaries of the gospel. He is referring to doing the things he could to make his presence and speech more acceptable to these different groups. He did not want to do anything that would hinder the message of the gospel.

Timothy understood this because of what happened in Acts 16:1-3. Here they were introduced to Timothy, and Paul wanted him to come with them on their journey. They know his father is a Greek, so they have Timothy circumcised before they leave. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 7:19, “Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but what matters is the keeping of the commandments of God.” Poor Timothy! What is happening in Act 16? He is becoming all things to all men. He would not have been able to enter into the Jewish synagogues or teach Jews if he was not circumcised. To the Greeks, this was a strange mutilation of the body and culturally frowned upon. He did it for the sake of the gospel. So, the ordeal that Timothy endured was a direct application to making yourself a slave to others.

We need to consider our actions in evangelism and personal work in this light. If I could change a few things about how I present myself (WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE LAW OF CHRIST), then I might become more effective in gaining access into a particular group. It would be for the sake of the gospel. Paul is doing all he can to be able to have an opportunity to present the gospel. He has made himself a slave to others in their need for the gospel. What is misunderstood and overlooked is Paul's devotion and humility to serve others.