

Be The Message - Part 4

Traits To Have

10-11-15

1 Corinthians 15:9 - For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

Five Traits:

1. _____:

- **WHEN I EMBRACE MY WEAKNESSES AND LIMITATIONS, I BECOME USABLE.**

2 Corinthians 4:6-7 - For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. ⁷ **But** we have this **treasure** in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

The gospel message reveals the most profound truths the world has ever known, which produce the most powerful eternal effects. Through the gospel people are freed from the power of sin and death (Romans 8:2; Hebrews 2:14), released from condemnation (Romans 8:1), transformed into the image of Jesus Christ (Romans 8:29; 2 Corinthians 3:18), and given eternal joy, peace, and satisfaction.

2 Corinthians 11:5-6 - But I do not think I am in the least inferior to those "super-apostles." ⁶ I may not be a trained speaker, but I do have knowledge. We have made this perfectly clear to you in every way.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 - But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2. _____:

- **WHEN I NEVER GIVE UP, DESPITE PRESSURES.**

2 Corinthians 4:8-9 - We are **hard pressed** on every side, but not crushed; **perplexed**, but not in despair; ⁹ **persecuted**, but not abandoned; **struck down**, but not destroyed.

3. _____:

- **WHEN I DENY MYSELF OF MY DESIRES, SO JESUS' LIGHT WILL SHINE THROUGH ME.**

2 Corinthians 4:10-11 - We always carry around in our body the **death** of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹ For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body.

Galatians 2:20 - I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

4. _____:

- **WHEN I HAVE CONVICTIONS THAT START IN MY HEAD, GO TO MY HEART, AND ARE REVEALED THROUGH MY HANDS.**

2 Corinthians 4:13 - It is written: "**I believed; therefore I have spoken.**" With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak,...

*The phases of spiritual growth:
Head - Heart - Hands.*

5. _____:

- **WHEN I AM CONFIDENT THAT THERE IS SOMETHING MORE THAN THIS LIFE.**

2 Corinthians 4:14 , . . .because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence.

Here is why:

2 Corinthians 4:15 - All this is for **your benefit**, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

- ***WE MUST UNDERSTAND THAT MY ASSIGNMENT IS TO TAKE AS MANY AS I CAN TO HEAVEN FOR GOD'S GLORY.***

My "Be the Message" Challenge:

- Read chapters 8-10 in "***Be the Message***" hardback book for sale in lobby.
- Practice ***The Divine Whisper*** at the end of each chapter.
- Complete the section; ***Love the One in Front of You***, at the end of each chapter to apply what you're learning.
- Take the 30 day challenge/Commit to 21 (Days/Minutes/Chapters in Book of John)