

The Lordship of Jesus Christ

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I. Introduction.

A. The Bible teaches that where a man's treasure is his heart is also; raising support gives others an opportunity to partake in another man's ministry.

B. 1 Thessalonians 1.

C. Characteristics of a person that God uses.

II. It is virtually impossible to underestimate the value of the individual.

A. Salvation is to the individual. (John 3:16, 3:18, 3:36)

B. You are a completely unique individual.

III. God is looking for "a person" that he can use to stand in the gap and He looks everywhere. (Ezekiel 22:30, Isaiah 66:1-2, Psalm 106:23, Joshua 10:14, 2 Chronicles 16:0, Romans 8:38-39)

IV. What kind of man we should seek to be.

A. The gospel.

1. The gospel comes in word.

2. The gospel also comes in power. (Acts 1:8)

3. The gospel also comes in assurance and conviction.

B. What the gospel is. (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)

1. It is the death burial and resurrection of Christ.

2. Jesus died for the penalty of our sins. (Ephesians 1:7)

3. Jesus rose again to give us power over our sins. (Romans 5:10, 1 Corinthians 14:37, John 7:17)

4. Jesus will come again to save us from the presence of sin. (1 Peter 1:5)

C. What Paul had.

1. He was a man of prayer.

2. He was bold in witness. (1 Thessalonians 2:2)

3. He was a God-pleaser. (1 Thessalonians 2:4)

- a. What we are is what we are in the quiet time.
- b. We ought to make a decision on what we will and will not do. (Proverbs 13:11)

4. He was not a glory-seeker. (1 Thessalonians 2:6)

5. He was a hard worker. (1 Thessalonians 2:9)

6. He was a Satan fighter. (1 Thessalonians 2:18, Ephesians 6:10, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, Jeremiah 6:19, 2 Corinthians 2:11, 2 Corinthians 11:3)

D. You can be the person that God wants to use. (1 John 1:12, 1 John 5:11-12)

Application questions

1. Is the gospel only about our penalty before God? Why or why not?

2. What does it mean when the speaker says, what we are is what we are in our quiet time? What kind of person are you in your quiet time?

3. What kind of person was Paul? Which characteristics do you most want to have that he had? Explain.
