

God's Grace

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I. Introduction.

A. Satan has two targets: the word of God and the grace of God. (II Corinthians 6:1)

B. We have a greater need for grace in our lives.

C. We can receive the grace of God without any visible impact on our lives.

D. Grace is...

1. Loving kindness.
2. God's friendly disposition.
3. The opposite of law.
4. The bestowing of joy.

E. Paul warns the believers not to nullify grace because there is something in us that tends to nullify grace. Satan wants us to receive grace in vain.

II. If have heard you.

A. Prayerlessness will cause us to receive God's grace in vain.

B. Symptoms of prayerlessness.

1. A brittle orthodoxy.
2. Insensitivity towards others felt needs.

C. How pride manifests itself.

1. Un-teachable attitude.
2. A lone-wolf attitude.
3. More concern for the position than the contribution.

D. When grace is nullified....

1. We turn people off.

2. Emotional imprisonment.

E. Grace comes across as longsuffering, kindness and love.

III. If have helped you.

A. The ministry is a paradox at times.

B. We cannot control the circumstances of the ministry, but we can control whether we can appropriate the grace of God.

Application questions:

1. Why do you think Satan targets the grace of God?

2. How is your prayer life? What can you do to strengthen your relationship with God through prayer? Explain.

3. Why is it important to understand that circumstances are out of our control? Explain.
