

3 You need community to flourish, grow But
"the destruction of intimate community has been
at our own hands. It has corresponded to our own
hierarchy of values." Jean Vanier Examples

2 Corinthians challenges our values w: New
core value ► Christian your high calling +
greatest good is to be the Church of God
bound together by Grace of Jesus through the
Ministry of the Gospel "Melodic Line"
"Church of Θ that is at Corinth" Church?

1. Paul's authority as an Apostle + Ministry of
Gospel is to establish + build the church (1:1, 8ff)
is opposed by False Apostles (Chp 10+11)
 2. Church in Greek "gathering of people, official
assembly," in LXX "the assembly of Θ's people
in Θ's presence to hear Θ's Word"
 3. Church of Θ : created + kept by Θ (1:21-22)
for glory of Θ The Church is for Θ, not you!
 4. Church is particular "in Corinth" + global Achaea,
set apart to be saints, Θ's family "Our Father"
- Church of Θ confronts your Hierarchy of Values!

Unless a minister of the Gospel has both
- Christian Leader - has both at same time
they are **immature**  **False**

Only Jesus can produce both in a person

② THE METHOD = JESUS' METHOD

1. Context = Wartime, Spiritual Battle



Waging war... weapons... divine power...
strongholds... destroy arguments...

Seriousness, Ernestness of battle vs.
sin, SATAN, reality of hell, etc.

Spiritual battle **Not** ultimately
organization, programs, planning...

Richard Lovelace "Spiritual Warfare"

2. Aim = The knowledge of God thru Jesus

Knowledge of God

Every thought captive to Christ

Inseparable ▷ No knowledge of Θ
apart from Jesus Examples

Discern? JESUS SPIRITUAL VICTORY + RESULTS
JESUS SATURATED TEACHING/PREACHING

3. The ENEMY = RELIGION

Paul's adversaries not secular but religious leaders... Cf. 11:13-15 ► JESUS

☒ Claim to be Christians "he is Christ's"

☒ Claim Paul is "weak" when present and poor speaker vs. 10

☒ Commend themselves/Compare vs 12

»»» My experience/warning in INDY ► Redmond!

See why this would be hard to discern?

③ THE MISSION = JESUS' MISSION

Ⓐ apathy
Ⓑ retreat
Ⓒ inward

☰☰ Paul engaged in Jesus' Mission

☒ Appointed/Called by Jesus "assigned to us, to reach even to you" vs. 13

☒ Impact of Jesus' Gospel in their lives:
"come...to you w. the gospel of Christ" vs 14

☒ Enlargement of Jesus' mission preach the gospel in lands beyond you.

»»» Jesus mission absolutely essential! Discern?

Sum Discern Jesus saturated ministry? All 3?

"Let the one who boasts, boast in the LORD"

"the one whom the LORD commends" 10:17-18