



Title: Set Apart: Think Outside Of The Box.

Scripture: 1 Cor. 9:16-23

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Bible Version: NKJV

BOTTOM LINE: You have to do everything you can (short of sinning) to let others know about the good news.

Vs. 16

Woe is me if I do not preach the gospel- Paul knew that preaching the Gospel was something he was called to do. It wasn't a choice.

When God calls you to something, you can't just stand there and ignore the itch, you have to scratch it.

Vs. 17

For if I do this willingly, I have a reward- Paul says that if he preaches the Gospel he will get a reward. In Paul's eyes the opportunity to preach it was the reward.

As believers we have an opportunity to share life changing news with people.

I have been entrusted with a stewardship- Paul states that the Gospel is not a burden but an opportunity. It's the message that he personal saw to steward well.

The Gospel is not a burden, it's an opportunity.

We would be a lot happier in our lives if we followed God on the path He has for us as opposed to making our own.

Vs. 18

I may present the Gospel of Christ without charge- In Paul's time, there were those who were looking to get a quick buck and were religious entrepreneurs.

What is my reward- Paul's reward was the fact that he got to preach the Gospel.

Vs. 19

I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all- Paul was free to do what he wanted. The call that God had placed on him caused him to yield to what the Father wanted. The result was that people heard and responded to the Gospel.

Paul was free from mankind but delighted in the call of the Lord.

Bringing people to Jesus was more important to him than using his freedom selfishly.- Guzik

Vs. 20-21

Even though Paul's life may have appeared inconsistent, he consistently pursued one goal, and that was to win people to Jesus.

Paul sought to win people to Jesus Christ by being sensitive to their needs and identifying with them. We should try to reach people where they are today and expect to see changes later.- Smith (via Guzik)

Vs. 22

I have become all things to all men- Paul did not change the message of the Gospel to become all things to all men. He changed his methods.

That I might by all means save some- Why did Paul become all things to all men? So that he could present the Gospel to them.

Vs. 23

For the Gospel's sake- Paul was willing to offend people over the Gospel; but that's where he stopped. The Gospel was the focal point.

Paul blended in with the Jews and Gentiles in humility because , rather than be an obstacle that caused people to stumble, Paul chose to be a stone upon which they could step.- Courson

Three things you can do this week to be a step for someone this week:

1. Meet a need.
2. Serve someone selfishly.
3. Share your story.
4. Share the Gospel.

Even as Paul did not flaunt his liberty before the Jews, Paul didn't force the law upon the Gentiles. He fit in without compromising his morals or violating his principles. -Courson

As we continue to reach others here is some advice.

1. Never stop sharing the love of Christ.
2. Never allow your preferences to become a stumbling block.
3. Start now.



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3D Guide

Bottom Line: You have to do everything you can

DO. (short of sinning) to let others know about the good news.



1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
4. What is your prayer for today?



DISCUSS.

1. In your opinion, whose responsibility should it be to share the Gospel?
2. In your opinion, why do some Christians find it difficult to share the Gospel with someone?
3. What are tangible ways to share your faith?

DO.



Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that was studied. Try a the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on blueletterbible.com or with their app.

Parents & Kids

TAKE **HOME**

DATE: February 4th, 2018

Scripture: God Promises to Fight for Me

Bible Story: Moses and the Red Sea (Exodus 13:17-22; 14)

Why did the Egyptian Army go after the Israelites? (Because Pharaoh wanted God's people to be slaves in Egypt again)

What did God promise the Israelites? (That He would fight for them) Yes! He had a plan to protect them. They only needed to be still and trust His promise.

How did God protect His people? (By parting the Red Sea for them to walk across)

Memory Verse: God is not a man, so he does not lie.

He is not human, so he does not change his mind.

Has he ever spoken and failed to act?

Has he ever promised and not carried it through? - Numbers 23:19

