

## LET THE GOOD NEWS FOCUS YOUR LIFE

2 Corinthians 5: <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. <sup>18</sup>Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, <sup>19</sup>that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

<sup>20</sup>Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him

### Let's use the word G-O-S-P-E-L as an acrostic to focus our lives

#### 1. G-Good news/Generous:

Mark 16: <sup>15</sup>And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. <sup>1</sup>

- Motives are pure always when centered on Kingdom building, (Not selfishness)
- We generously give the gospel away,

#### 2. O-ON Assignment

Ephesians 5: <sup>15</sup>See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, <sup>16</sup>redeeming the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord *is*.

- We need to be people about our Father's business, (since of urgency)
- We need to live focused productive lives, (making timely decisions)

#### 3. S-SAFE PLACE (Integrity)

Proverbs 22: A *good* name is to be chosen rather than great riches, Loving favor rather than silver and gold.

Ephesians 4: <sup>15</sup>but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—

- People are looking for a safe harbor someone to be trusted,
- Because of your commitment to integrity we should bring peace to people,

#### 4. P-Pace (We need to keep PACE with the Holy Spirit)

John 16: <sup>13</sup> However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you. <sup>15</sup> All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare *it* to you.<sup>[a]</sup>

- We must utilize the Helper to keep pace with God, (Let the helper guide you)
- When facing an obstacle in your life take time to pray in the Spirit

#### 5. E-Expressions of His Love

1 Corinthians 31: <sup>31</sup> Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

- Whatever we do we take the high road,
- Seek a path leads to peace, even if we agree to disagree,
- Let God use you to be a blessing in words and deeds,

#### 6. L-Leave your comfort zone

Mark 9: <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to him, “If you can believe,<sup>[a]</sup> all things *are possible to him who believes.*”

Luke 18: <sup>24</sup> And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

<sup>26</sup> And those who heard it said, “Who then can be saved?”

<sup>27</sup> But He said, “The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.”

- There is a place in God for you of fulfillment, but you must leave this place of comfort,
- You need faith to trust in God, safety represents the status quo, (mediocrity)