

**2 Corinthians 14**  
**"Why perspective matters"**

**Definition of perspective:**

A particular attitude toward or way of regarding something; point of view. It shapes our thoughts, emotions, and actions and can greatly impact our overall well-being.

**A. A right perspective will help us to not give up (vs. 1-6)**

1. What was Paul's ministry and what great significance did it have?

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2. What was the reason Paul would not give up? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What is the life purpose of every believer? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Discussion questions**

1. How does knowing this help encourage you to not give up, even though you may feel like giving up?
2. Why do we tend to want to give up on people?

**B. Having a right perspective help us and our witness (vs. 7-15)**

1. What two things help Paul to be on the right side of "but"?

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2. Paul made a choice to do two things

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3. What were the 3 things Paul would need to do in order to carry out his ministry?

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## Discussion questions

1. When you feel like you are being crushed, perplexed, persecuted or knocked down, which side of the "but" do you find yourself tending to reside in?
  - a. And what things tend to keep you focused on the left side of the but, rather than right side.
  - b. In what way did perspective help you get on the right side of the "but"?
2. How does having a wrong perspective affect our witness of Jesus?
3. What areas do you find it hard to pay the cost in following Jesus and following his directions laid out in scripture?
4. In what areas do you find it hard to die to self?
5. In what ways do you find it hard to live for Jesus?

### **C. Having an eternal perspective helps us to have a right perspective of our circumstances (vs. 16-18)**

1. When Paul felt the physical effects of his ministry, what was his perspective that help him to endure? (vs. 16)  

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2. What was Paul's perspective of his afflictions? (vs. 17)  

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3. What was Paul's attitude toward focusing on the things that are seen? (vs. 18)  

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## Discussion questions

1. What do you find challenging with regards to having an eternal perspective?
2. With whatever circumstances you are facing, how can having an eternal perspective help you face it?