

## Paul's Blueprint for Evangelism 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Paul was intentional in reaching people for Christ...

1. In adding value to lost people (v.19-20).
  - He voluntarily became a servant to lost people.
  - His blueprint was one of respect before relationship.
2. In including everyone (v.19-23).
  - "Whoever" involves a wide range of people (John 3:16; 1 Cor.6:9-11).

***How hungry are we for everybody to come to Christ?***

- God loves people "I don't like!"
- Paul's blueprint was to connect before he would correct.
- Paul's blueprint was to focus on **WHO** versus what we're against.
- God does not ***change*** us to accept us; He accepts us to change us!
- Lost is Lost!

I believe that the lost go to hell but I live most of my life like it really doesn't happen.  
~ Pastor Tom Pendergrass

3. In knowing who we are in Christ!
  - Paul's blueprint was that he didn't take on their way of life. He kept his spiritual bearings.
  - We don't have to be "like" the lost to reach them, but we do have to **"Like"** them.
  - When you change a culture you know who you aren't.
  - You keep yourself holy while connecting to their world.

***Are people asking me about the hope I have within me?***

4. Paul's blueprint was to enter their world.

- We (the church and as individual believers in the body of Christ) want “lost” people to enter “my” way and my world.
  - I have to enter their world.
  - I can continue to talk about how bad they are or I can choose to have my heart break for the lost.
  - The closer you get to lost people the more you will love lost people.
  - The closer I get to lost people the closer I get to Jesus!
  - You must **“Catch”** a fish before you can **“clean”** a fish.
  - We lose our passion and our compassion when we don’t hang out with lost people.
5. Paul’s blueprint was to experience things from **their** point of view.
- Do I want to “know” them or do I want them to know me?
  - I must know them before I can show them (Acts 17:16-31).

***...He who wins souls is wise.***  
***~ Proverbs 11:30***

6. Paul’s blueprint was to creatively move people toward God.
- In the DNA of creativity there’s always an answer.
  - Passion + Creativity = reaching the lost.
  - Make someone hungry for what you have and the hope that is within you!
7. Paul’s blueprint was in sharing God’s message and then experiencing God at work.
- Your greatest experience with God will be with lost people.
  - When lost people move toward God.
  - Miracles happen with **lost** people!
  - Nothing eternal is done without Jesus and the lost!