



Finish: Love Will Make the Difference!

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Text: 1 Thessalonians 2:6-16

Passage Summary: While the church can be established in the gospel of Christ and used by God to make a world of difference, it does not make us immune from being _____ or _____ in times of opposition!

180 Degree Truth #1: See that God desires to grant affirmation and assurance in the face of opposition as we realize _____ for the _____ is different in His economy! (2:6-16)

Application: Recognize that when it comes to par for the course in God's economy, it involves...

- _____!

See that a soul saving, God glorifying love in ministry is characterized by...

_____! (v.6-9)

"But we did not use this right. On the contrary, we put up with anything rather than hinder the gospel of Christ."

1 Corinthians 9:12

"We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us."

1 Thessalonians 2:8

Remember: When it comes to a soul saving, God glorifying love in ministry, the saying is still true; people really don't care how much you _____ until they _____ how much you care!

_____! (v.10-12)

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship."

Romans 12:1

"As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received."

Ephesians 4:1

Remember: When it comes to a soul saving, God glorifying love in ministry, Proverbs 17:17 helps to _____ the _____; "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity."

_____! (v.13-16)

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

2 Timothy 3:16-17

"If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction."

Psalms 119:92

Remember: When it comes to a soul saving, God glorifying love in ministry, one of the greatest affirmations we could ever receive is to have a _____ view of _____; it can not only save us from the wrath of God to come, but give us the strength to faithfully endure to the end!

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Core Conviction to Live By: Resolutely determine that for you, love will make the difference in your ministry of the gospel; not only is it _____ in nature, but the Bible says it best, "Love never _____." (1 Corinthians 13:8)