



Part 9:  
Reaching Out  
to Others  
2 Cor. 5:11 thru  
6:10

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3 Essentials Of Reaching Out To Others:

1. Sincere \_\_\_\_\_

*“Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. If we are out of our mind, it is for the sake of God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.” 2 Cor. 5:11-13*

*“For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that **those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them** and was raised again.” 2 Cor. 5:14-15*

*“So from now on **we regard no one from a worldly point of view.** Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” 2 Cor. 5:16-17*

2. A clear \_\_\_\_\_

*“All this is from God, who **reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:** that God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting men’s sins against them. And **he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.** We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.” 2 Cor. 5:18-20a*

*“We implore (you) on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. **God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**” 2 Cor. 5:20b-21*

3. Authentic \_\_\_\_\_

*“As God’s fellow workers we urge you not to receive God’s grace in vain. For he says, ‘In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.’ I tell you, now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation.” 2 Cor. 6:1-2*

*“**We put no stumbling block in anyone’s path, so that our ministry will not be discredited.** Rather, as servants of God **we commend ourselves in every way:** in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.” 2 Cor. 6:3-10*

*“We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians, and opened wide our hearts to you. We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us. As a fair exchange—I speak as to my children—open wide your hearts also.” 2 Cor. 6:11-13*

## Daily Meditations

Here’s a chance to spend some time each day this week meditating on today’s topic!

**This week’s memory verse:** *“We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” 2 Cor. 5:20-21*

## Monday

Read 2 Cor. 5:11-6:13. When was the last time you shared the Gospel with someone

Write down two things you learned from Paul's example about sharing the Gospel.

- 1.
- 2.

How will you apply what you learned to your life this week?

*Thank God today for the people who first shared the Gospel with you. Ask God to give you courage and enthusiasm for sharing the Gospel with those around you. Pray that you will apply what you learned from Paul's example.*

## Tuesday

Read 2 Cor. 5:11-17. What is Paul's motive for evangelism? What motivates you to share your faith?

Why do you think sincere motives are important when reaching out to others? Who are you most tempted to insincerity?

Reread verses 16 & 17. How did Paul view people? How do you think that motivate him?

How would your relationships be different if you viewed people the way these verse do?

*Thank God today for His love. Thank Him for the opportunity to be used to reach people for Him. Ask Him to put your motives through the refining fire of His love. Pray that you will increasingly see people the way He does.*

## Wednesday

Read 2 Cor. 5:18-21. Obviously the key word in these verses is reconcile. Look up the word and write down your definition.

How do you think Paul's ministry was impacted by having a clear, simple message?

How would focusing on this simple message of reconciliation help you when you share your faith?

*Thank God today for the simplicity of the Gospel. Thank Him for His grace. Ask Him to remind you to focus on simple truth of reconciliation when you share your faith.*

## Thursday

Read 2 Cor. 6:1-13. Write down key words Paul used to describe how he presented himself to the Corinthians.

What is the connection between the credibility of Christianity and the people who call themselves Christians?

How do you struggle with authenticity? How has that impacted your willingness to reach out to others? What can you learn from Paul's example to apply to your life?

*Thank God today for the examples of people like Paul. Ask God to daily purify your heart and bring you to the point of true authenticity. Pray for boldness in sharing your faith.*

## Friday

Reread each of the following verses and write down your thoughts and application for your life.

2 Cor. 5:17 -

2 Cor. 5:20-21 -

2 Cor. 5:6:3 -

*Thank God today for the Bible. Ask God to help you apply what you've learned this week.*

## Saturday

Review any devotions you may have missed and memorize that verse on page two! Please pray for this weekend's service. Thanks!