



“Missionary Mentality”

Sacrificing for Others
II Corinthians 4:7-12

Missionaries focus on:

I. People – “may be of God, and not of us” (v. 7)

Realizing the value of the:

- A. Contents** – “we have this treasure”
- B. Containers** – “in earthen vessels”
- C. Capabilities** – “that the excellency of the power”

II. Perseverance - “but not destroyed” (vs. 8-9)

Responding to being:

- A. Pressed** – “troubled on every side, yet not distressed”
- B. Puzzled** – “perplexed, but not in despair”
- C. Pursued** – “Persecuted, but not forsaken”
- D. Punished** – “cast down, but not destroyed”

III. Priorities – “Jesus might be made manifest” (vs. 10-12)

Remembering:

- A. Jesus** - “delivered unto death for Jesus sake”
- B. Others** – “but, life in you”
- C. You** – “So, then death works in us”

Sentence Sermon

“Missionaries are very human folks, just doing what they are asked. Simply a bunch of nobodies trying to exalt Somebody.” — Jim Elliot

Additional Verses

- *II Timothy 2:10, 21*
- *Ephesians 3:7-9*
- *I Corinthians 2:5; 3:7; 15:31*
- *II Corinthians 1:8-9; 6:4-5; 7:5-6*
- *Galatians 6:17*
- *Mark 10:45*
- *Philippians 2:5-8; 3:10*
- *Colossians 1:24*
- *Romans 9:20-21k*
- *I Timothy 1:11; 6:20*

Questions to Ponder

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. Why did God choose to use human beings to spread the gospel? (v. 7)
4. How does the gospel fit the definition of a treasure?
5. Why does Paul go into such descriptive verbiage of his suffering? (vs. 9-10)
6. Which of the difficulties of life do you find most difficult? (vs. 8-9) Why?
7. What do you think Paul was most perplexed about?
8. What about the life & death of Jesus is Paul equating to his life? (vs. 10-11)
9. What does “delivered unto death for Jesus sake” mean?
10. Why does Paul end this passage to the Corinthians with “life works in you?”