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“every disciple that is perfect shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40b

## WHY PAUL?

The apostle Paul wrote much of the New Testament. Have you ever wondered *why* God chose **Paul** to record so much of **His** word? There were other apostles, and some we don't even have words recorded. The Lord could have used them. Why did God choose Paul so often?

One reason may have been because Paul **knew**, more than the others whose words they were, where the **power** was; they weren't **his** words—they were **God's**:

**"And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." - 1 Corinthians 2:4,5**

Paul also was **concerned** about God's people. He was zealous for them. He **wanted** them to be saved—just as God and Jesus did. Not for Paul's sake but for **their** sakes and also that **God** might be glorified for his grace and mercy. Read the first chapter of any of Paul's letters and you'll see this. For example:

**"without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;" Romans 1:9**

But you know, above all, Paul **acknowledged God**, that it was God who was **first, last and always**. Paul craved God's blessing, not man's (read **2 Tim 4:8**). David did, Jesus did, so did Abraham, Sara, Job, Moses etc.—all those mentioned in **Hebrews 11**. Paul didn't think anything of himself and was thankful **to God** for everything he had, even the comfort of his brethren in a time of need:

**"And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appiiforum, and the three taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God and took courage." - Acts 28:15**

Do we want to **accomplish** good things for the Lord? Would we like God to **choose** us? Let's follow Paul's example then. Let us believe and demonstrate **by our actions**—our faith: That God's word is the power to salvation (**Romans 1:16**), not ours; That we are concerned for men's souls (**Philippians 2:4,5**), not ourselves; and That it is God that gives the increase (**1 Corinthians 3:6**) and thus give God the glory, honor, praise and thanks. **Do** these things and we'll be faithful **servants**, ones God will be pleased to use: **"Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."** - Matthew 25:21

- Ed Kelleher, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina  
**Out with self ... NO IN BETWEEN IN 2014!**

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### SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: TJ BOLEN—There is no distinctive church  
without distinctive individuals  
PM: TJ BOLEN—2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

"The ear that heareth the reproof of life  
abideth among the wise." - Proverbs 15:31

Are you listening?

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CHRISTIANITY  
TODAY!

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## **“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Anna Porter, Judy Walker, Miles Johnson, Richard Ramkinson, Wilson Burton.**

- **Paula Kennedy** is (hopefully) recovering from hand surgery to relieve severe pain, pray it will be successful.
- **Judy Walker** is home from the hospital, but not feeling well. **Gwen Pittman** isn't well either. **Josiah Jenkins is recovering from strep throat.**
- **Anna Porter** is wearing a heart monitor and still weak, **Margaret Herring** is stoically suffering many ills, **Jan Kelleher** as well. Pray for these, we miss, and need, their presence.
- Remember to send cards and call those you've not seen for awhile.
- Pray also that we all grow in **faith, hope, love, humility, zeal, knowledge.**

**"Our soul waiteth for the Lord; he is our help and our shield." - Psalm 33:20**

## **“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42**

- We've been having problems with **the heat in the fellowship hall** (running continuously) and a huge water leak, somewhere causing us to **shut off the water** to the building till we get it isolated.
- The **Wednesday night assembly** last week was cancelled due to ice—the roads were very treacherous. Announcement was sent out by email (get on the list), and messages were posted on the church answering machine and website.
- **Carolina Men's Fellowship**—Rock Hill, Saturday March 8. Lord willing, **Ed Kelleher** will be leaving from the church building at 7am in his van with **Tommy White** and has room for 5 others to go along, back by 5 pm. Don't miss the great encouragement!
- **LORD'S WORK SHEETS!** All members are asked to update theirs as we will be assigning necessary work monthly to members of the congregation, based on what you say you'll do. Please fill one out and put it in the basket in the **church office.**
- **YOUNG ADULT and NEW CONVERT** class Sundays, 10 am, upstairs classroom.
- Informal **Bible Study**, at the building **3 pm Saturdays.** Ask your Bible questions.
- Entire assembly is now being recorded on DVD thanks to brother Marshal Mancuso. See **Marshall** or **Jones Gamble** to get a copy for yourself or to share with someone.
- We need **volunteers** to take the DVD and the Lord's supper to our shut-ins.

**“Every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor” - 1 Corinthians 2:8**

## **HOW DO WE LOVE?**

**"My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." - 1 John 3:18**

Let's not **say** it, let's **do** it! You know: "I'd rather **see** a sermon than **hear** one!"

**“If you love me, keep my commandments.” - John 14:15**

Do you *really* love Him?

## **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!**

It is important for **ALL** to attend **Sunday Morning bible study!** If you feel you're missing something, Bible class is a good place to go and find it.

**“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” - 2 Timothy 2:15**

The example we set others, in everything we **do**, or **don't do**, is important. The Lord was able to use Paul to encourage other brethren, even when he was in prison:

**"And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear." - Philippians 1:14**

The Lord wasn't just talking of the "Worship Service" here:

**“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another:” - Hebrews 10:25**

No, God wants you in ALL assemblies of the saints. He set it up that way! He paid particular attention to this—for our good, we need it! If you don't make it to Bible class, you will not achieve what the Lord says here:

**“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;” - Ephesians 4:11-14**

**We have great classes, studying the Old and New Testaments and their application to us today!**

**Be sure to attend Sunday 10am and Wed. 7pm each week!**

Think you'll make heaven without Bible class? Guess again! Remember ...

**"Every one of us shall give account of himself to God" - Romans 14:10**

**And ... Get there on time! Before class starts!!** What example are you showing others when you're late? (You're telling everyone it's not really that important)

What message are you sending the teachers when you get there late? (You don't respect them and the work they do. It's as plain as if you slapped them in the face.)

**Study! So you will have ... NO IN BETWEEN IN 2014!**

Do you care?