

A Passion to Magnify Christ through the Advancement of His Gospel

Philippians 1:18b-26

INTRODUCTION:

ILLUSTRATION (The Secret)

Magnifying self vs. Magnifying Christ

Paul's circumstances: *2 Corinthians 11:23-27*

God shows us through Paul's life four marks of a person that has a passion to magnify Christ through the advancement of His gospel.

A person that has a passion to magnify Christ through the advancement of His gospel will be...

I. Rejoicing in the advancement of His gospel (v18b-19)

Matt 5:10-12

*Do I have a joy that transcends circumstances?
Do I have a joy that magnifies Christ?
Do I rejoice that Christ is proclaimed?*

II. Courageously proclaiming His gospel (v19-20)

Do I have the courage to speak?

Do I have the courage to proclaim Christ boldly to my family, to my friends, to my neighbors, to my coworkers, to wherever God has me?

Or do I think more about myself and what people will think of me?

III. Selflessly choosing that which will aid in the advancement of His gospel (v21-24)

When I make big decisions, do I think about how it may or may not aid in the advancement of the gospel?

Do I consider the advancement of the gospel in where to live, what home to buy, what car to get?

Do I consider the advancement of the gospel in the resources, money & time, that God has given me?

Would I selflessly choose a lower paying job because it would aid in the advancement of the gospel?

Would I give up my life because it would aid in the advancement of the gospel?

IV. Serving others to further the advancement of His gospel (v25-26)

Do you have the advancement of the gospel on your mind when serving others?

APPLICATION (answering the Son of Man's question, 18:8b):

What do we find our joy in?

How do we desire to magnify Christ?

Are we going to have the courage to speak this week?

What is our service to others going to look like this week?

Example of Roman Persecution: