

Homework #7 - *Compelled By Christ's Love to Live for God's Pleasure*  
II Corinthians 5:1-15

*"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died." --II Corinthians 5:14*

**Day One:**

Observe: What does the passage say?

1. Read II Corinthians 5:1-15 What are the key words?

**Contrasts in Corinthians:** Start by writing the differences between:  
Our earthly "tent" vs. Our heavenly "home"

Other contrasts in this passage:

2. What was Paul's profession when he first met the Corinthians, in Acts 18:1-3?

Interpret: What does the passage mean?

4. Paul uses camping in a tent as an illustration of our life on earth. Why is this a good metaphor? Look back over verses 1-5 as you respond:
5. How does Paul describe death in 2 Corinthians 5:4c?

Do you think this is a good description? Explain:

6. Read John 14:1-3. What does Jesus promise His followers?
7. After reading II Corinthians 5:5, how would you describe your purpose in life?

How can we be assured of God's purpose for our lives, according to verse 5b? (Also read II Corinthians 1:22.)

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What is a "guarantee"?

Apply: What does the passage mean to me?

8. Why do you think it is easy to lose our purpose and become focused on what is seen rather than what is eternal?

In what areas have you forgotten that life on earth is really just a camping experience? How has this lesson changed your perspective? How can verse 5 be an encouragement to you today?

## **Day Two**

Observe: What does the passage say?

1. Read II Corinthians 5:6-8. What two "homes" does Paul compare in these verses?

Which "home" does he prefer (verse 8)?

2. On what does Paul base his life (Verse 7)?

Interpret: What does the passage mean?

3. How does Paul's faith affect his attitude toward life, in verse 6a and 8a?

4. Read Philippians 1:20-24. How does Paul explain life in verse 21?

What does life on earth mean to Paul, in verses 22 and 24?

What is his ultimate desire in verse 23?

5. Read Hebrews 11:1-6. How does Hebrews 11:1 describe faith? Can you put this in your own words?

What does Hebrews 11:6 say about how we approach God?

How do verses 13-16 describe people of faith?

How does God reward them?

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Apply: What does the passage mean to me?

6. What has God promised that you need to continue to believe today? In what ways can you specifically walk by faith and not sight this week?

### **Day Three**

Observe: What does the passage say?

1. Read II Corinthians 5:9-10. What is Paul's goal, in verse 9?
2. What will happen in the future according to verse 10?
3. What did the Father say about Jesus at His baptism in Matthew 3:17 and at His transfiguration (when He was temporarily seen in His future glory) in Matthew 17:5?

Interpret: What does the passage mean?

4. Re-read Hebrews 11:6 from yesterday. What is essential to pleasing God?
5. In Galatians 6:8, what two choices do we face and what are the end results of each choice?
6. Read I Corinthians 3:10-15. What do you think it means to build with "gold, silver, costly stones" versus "hay, wood, or straw"?
7. Read Romans 12:1-2. How does Paul say you can please God in verse 1?

What motivates you to want to do this (verse 1a)?

How do you discover God's "pleasing and perfect will" in verse 2?

Apply: What does the passage mean to me?

8. Write a prayer expressing your desire to "please Him", asking God to make it your ambition to please Him in every area.

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### **Day Four**

Observe: What does the passage say?

1. Read II Corinthians 5:11-13. In verse 11, what does Paul do and why?

Who understands what Paul is doing? Who does Paul also want to understand?

Interpret: What does the passage mean?

3. Read Proverbs 9:10. What do you think this verse means?

Read Proverbs 11:30. What does wisdom do?

How do these verses in Proverbs relate to II Corinthians 5:11?

4. What do you think this means: "What we are is plain to God"?

How is this true in your own life?

5. False teachers among the Corinthians are questioning Paul's motives. What motivates the false teachers? (Verse 12b)

What do you think it means to "take pride in what is seen, rather than what is in the heart"? Read Matthew 23:2, 5, 27-28 for further insight.

Give some examples from our own culture:

6. Read I Corinthians 1:23-25. What do some consider "foolishness" in verse 23?

Who is Jesus to those "God has called" in verse 24?

Read I Corinthians 2:1-5. What was Paul's approach to the Corinthians? Why? (Verse 5)

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Apply: What does the passage mean to me?

7. Have you ever gotten caught up in "keeping up appearances"--trying to appear spiritual to impress others? How is this lesson an encouragement to simply live for the audience of One, God alone?

### **Day Five**

Observe: What does the passage say?

1. Read II Corinthians 5:14-15. What truly motivates Paul in verse 14?
2. Of what is Paul convinced, in verse 14b?
3. How should we respond to Christ's sacrifice, according to verse 15?

Interpret: What does the passage mean?

4. What does Matthew 22:37-40 say, and how does this relate to II Corinthians 5:14?
5. "Christ's love compels us": Write a paraphrase of this verse, putting it in your own words:
6. Why do we obey God, according to John 14:15?
7. Read Revelation 2:1-4. Describe the actions of the Ephesian church, to whom Jesus writes:

Describe their heart condition (verse 4):

8. What does I Corinthians 13:1-3 say about doing great things without love?
8. How would you describe Paul's ministry after studying this entire week's lesson?

Apply: What does the passage mean to me?

9. What gets you up in the morning? What truly motivates you to serve Jesus and others? How does today's lesson encourage you to love Christ and simply live for Him?

