

A LIFE WORTH FOLLOWING 2 Corinthians 5:20

Last week we saw that as Ambassadors of Christ, our call to Action is to be:

A PERSON WORTH FOLLOWING!

Have you ever said to a young Christian,

"If you want to know what Christianity is like? Watch me!"

That is a major theme expressed numerous times in Paul's letters.

1 Cor. 11:1 *"Imitate me, just as I imitate Christ."*

That's a bold statement!

Some might even claim that Paul is being arrogant here.

They argue:

Why wouldn't Paul just say follow Christ?

I. PAUL ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE WAS AN AMBASSADOR OF CHRIST.

He recognized that he was **an authorized messenger and representative.**

He recognized that **God had given him the task of reconciling people to Him.**

Galatians 2:20 gives us insight into Paul's thinking.

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When Paul is saying follow me, imitate me;

he is really saying follow Jesus, imitate Jesus.

1 Corinthians 4:16, 17

II. PAUL RECOGNIZED HIS LIFE WAS A SACRIFICE

Philippians 1:21-24

"living for Christ" – is to **BE A LIVING SACRIFICE!**

Sacrificing this life for the kingdom.

III. PAUL EMBRACED THE DUTIES OF HIS APPOINTMENT

Philippians 3:17-21

Philippians 4:9

2 Thessalonians 3: 6, 7a

Titus 2:6, 7

IV. PAUL WAS FULLY COMMITTED TO CARRYING OUT THE
RESPONSIBILITIES OF HIS COMMISSION.

2 Corinthians 5:18c

Hebrews 12:1-4