

1 Corinthians 2:1-5,9

God Is With Us

And when I came to you brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. And my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.

Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. (4:1) But just as it is written, "Things which the eye has not seen and the ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him." (2:9)

I chose these verses for us to reflect on in regard to our job as Christians. Sometimes we can become bogged down while trying to step out in faith and share the Lord because when we start to plan, an immediate list of all the qualifications we think we need, and all of the projected possible scenarios, simply overwhelm us. Paul makes some interesting statements here regarding his own preaching ability that should be an encouragement to us. He says that he was often in difficult and fearful circumstances but it didn't stop him from sharing a Gospel that would seem like foolishness to many. Instead he relied on the Holy Spirit to make use of him so that men might not be convinced on his word alone but on the power of God that went with the word! God's power is the vital ingredient and not only for the planting and growing of good seed but also for the glorious works of healing and signs and wonders. In essence Paul is saying, "I'm not just going to tell you about my God, I'm going to show you my God!" He wasn't going in with a half hearted attempt to reach "some" people for Jesus, he was going in with the full power of God in order to bring all to Christ!

He says, "*Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.*" If we also go forward on our knees in prayer we also have been made stewards of the mysteries of God. Stewards of "*Things which the eye has not seen and the ear has not heard, and which have not entered into the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him.*"

Our job in the Lord's service each day does not have to start with us thinking we're finally prepared for every question someone might throw at us. It begins with seeking the Lord for His, "Power from on High" that we might not only tell people about Him but show Him to people. "*And all things that you ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive.*" Matt. 21:22 Ours is the great job of being stewards of the mysteries of heaven! "*Blessed is the slave whom his master finds so doing when He comes. Truly I say to you, that He will put him in charge of all of His possessions.*" Matt. 24:46-47

We have the amazing hope to share with mankind as well as all the resources of Heaven with which to do it! Hallelujah! So let us forget the list of fears of not being ready and step into the fields that are overflowing and white for harvest! God bless you all!

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