

Lesson 13: Restoring Others through Paul-Likeness

I. Paul's Bold Declaration

A. 1Corinthians 11:1 "Be _____ of me"

B. What about Paul are we to imitate?

1. Paul's Pedigreed Past - Acts 22:3

a) A _____, the people of God with the Law of God

b) Raised in _____, the city of David, the center of the Jewish religious and cultural life

c) Studied under _____, one of the most renowned seminary professors of the day

d) A _____, a religious leader and a meticulous follower of the Law

2. Paul does not commend his pedigree as something to be imitated

a) Paul never _____ Gentiles to become Jews

b) Paul does not commend them to go to an _____ city

c) Paul does not encourage them to go to _____

d) Paul does not encourage them to become _____

3. What is it about Paul that we are to imitate? (1 Corinthians 11:1 and 1 Corinthians 4:16)

a) We are to imitate Paul's _____

b) We are to _____ the _____!

II. Imitation of Paul – "Paul-likeness"

A. Imitate Paul's _____ upon the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:1-5)

1. He did not display his own _____

a) Not uppity or highfalutin language

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b) *Not a polished speaker - Weakness, fear, trembling*

2. He did not display his _____

a) *He became a "know nothing" - the message of Jesus Christ crucified was all that was necessary*

b) *Not plausible words of wisdom - philosophical speculation*

B. Imitate Paul's lack of concern for his _____
- 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

1. Paul's _____ was not popular

a) A _____

b) A _____

2. Paul's _____ was not "respectable"

a) _____ and _____

b) *Self-supporting with _____ labor*

c) _____ of the earth, garbage

C. Imitate Paul's Sensitivity to the _____ of
Others - 1 Corinthians 8:7-13

1. Paul's Analysis

a) *Food is spiritually _____, I have the right to eat meat sacrificed to idols.*

b) *Some have _____ consciences. If I eat, the weak might follow my lead and eat against their conscience (whatever is not of faith is sin).*

c) *If I cause a brother to _____, I am sinning against my brother.*

d) *If I sin against my brother, I am sinning against _____.*

2. Paul's Application

a) *I will never _____ that will make my brother stumble*

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D. Imitate Paul's Lack of Concern for his _____ _____ - 1 Corinthians 9:1-14

1. Paul gave up his right to _____ being provided
2. Paul gave up his right to _____
3. Paul gave up his right to _____
from ministry

E. Imitate Paul's _____

1. He _____ to his audience to win them
- 1 Corinthians 9:15-27
 - a) *He conformed to Jewish customs around Jews*
 - b) *He conformed to gentile practices around gentiles*
 - c) *He conformed to the practices of the weak around the weak*
2. He became a _____ to all - 1 Corinthians 10:23-33
 - a) *He did not focus on what was _____ but on what would _____ others*
 - b) *He tried not to _____ anyone inside or outside the church*
 - c) *He tried _____ everyone, not himself, in everything, that they may be saved.*

III. For Further Study

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