

Back To Basics: Doing Ministry The Right Way

2 Corinthians 4:1-7

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- I. Change is seldom easy, but it is often a necessary part of growth.
(Matthew 9:16-17)
- II. Flexibility is essential and we can learn three ways to build this into our ministries: (2 Corinthians 4:1-7)
 - A. In every ministry, special mercy is needed.(2 Corinthians 4:1)
 - B. In every ministry some things have to be renounced and rejected. (2 Corinthians 4:2)
 - C. Through every ministry, a certain style must be molded and communicated. (2 Corinthians 4:5-7)
- III. There are three temptations to be resisted.
 - A. Temptation to be self-sufficient and self-reliant.
 - B. The temptation to be spectacular.
 - C. The temptation to be powerful and in control.
- IV. The “cannots” to be remembered.
 - A. We cannot control everything.
 - B. We cannot change or fix anyone.
 - C. We cannot explain many things.
 - D. We cannot dodge the tough questions, decisions or tasks.
 - E. We cannot concern ourselves with who gets the credit.
 - F. We cannot do what we do either in the flesh, or on our own.
- V. The five positive things we can do.
 - A. Let's do more with others and less all alone.
 - B. Let's place the emphasis on quality not quantity.
 - C. Wherever we minister, let's do it the same as if we were doing it with those who know us best.
 - D. Let's keep a level head.
 - E. Let's model a servant – hearted attitude and a grace oriented style.