

Keys to Credibility

Titus 1:1-4

Introduction:

Romans 1:28 *they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, ... untrustworthy*

#1. Take your place in God's _____

1st - He is a _____ of God

1. Do I approach every task as if I were serving Jesus?
Serve always 1 2 3 4 5 Serve never
2. Is there any possession I can't give away?
Give anything 1 2 3 4 5 Give nothing
3. When I must choose between pleasing God and pleasing people?
Please God 1 2 3 4 5 Please me

Galatians 1:10 *For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ.*

2nd - An authoritative _____ of Christ

Galatians 1:1 *Paul, an apostle not sent from men, nor through the agency of man, but through Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead*

John 20:21 *as the Father has sent Me, I also send you.*

Spiritual giftedness - how has God gifted you?

Heart passion - what do you want to do for Christ?

Abilities - what abilities and talents do you have?

Personality - what kind of personality are you?

Experiences - what experiences have enriched you?

#2. Share God's _____ of salvation

Eph. 1:4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him.

Rom. 8:30 whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

God intended election to be ...

1st - a _____

2nd - a _____

3rd - a response of _____

Acts 13:48 as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed

Acts 16:14 the Lord opened her heart to respond

Acts 1:8 you shall be My witnesses

Matt. 5:16 Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

1 Pet. 2:9 But you are ...a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him

#3. Introduce people to a _____ God

1 Timothy 2:4 God; who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent.

2 Timothy 3:7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Hebrews 10:26 For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins

#4. Expect God to _____ lives

Titus 1:16 They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him, being detestable and disobedient, and worthless for any good deed

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, **12** instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly

Romans 6:17 But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart

[] Why are there not more Godly Christians

1-Because Christians won't take the time to be with Jesus

2 1 Timothy 4:7 discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness

2-Because Christians ignore discipleship

2 Matt. 28:19 Go... and make disciples, baptizing them ... 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you

2 Peter 1:3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

#5. Trust in God's _____

2 Peter 1:4 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature...

1st - Based upon God's _____

Hebrews 6:18 it is impossible for God to lie,

1 Sam. 15:29 ...God...will not lie or change His mind; for He is not a man that He should change His mind

2nd - Based upon God's written and ____ Word

#6. _____ to obey God's Word

1 Cor 9:16 For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel.

John 3:36 He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.

2 Thess. 1:8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

Heb. 5:9 He [Jesus] became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,

1 Pet. 1:2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, that you may obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood

#7. _____ yourself in God's Work

Conclusion:

1st-Have you found your _____ in God's plan?

2nd-Are you enjoying _____ with Jesus and sharing in God's _____?

Revelation 2:1-7

3rd-Are you showing _____ of being God's child?

2 Corinthians 13:5 Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you - unless indeed you fail the test?

Rate yourself; all of God's true children want to ...

1-Share God's message of salvation?

Want to share 1 2 3 4 5 Don't want to

2-Show evidence of Christlike change in behavior?

Show change 1 2 3 4 5 Show no change

3-Trust God to keep His promises to you?

Trust God 1 2 3 4 5 Doubt God

4-Seek to invest time with the Lord privately?

Regular quiet times 1 2 3 4 5 No QT's

5-Want to be obedient to Jesus in everything?

Seek to obey 1 2 3 4 5 Don't want to