

This Way Up

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A Beautiful Life 2 Corinthians 2:14-17

I. GOD'S ACTIVITY THROUGH US

1. God leads the believer forth into the world as His display of His triumphant victory over sin and death and Hell.
2. God makes known to the world the sweetness of His character and activity through the believer. This demonstrates the life of the saved and the death of the unsaved.

II. OUR ADEQUACY FROM GOD

In and of ourselves we are completely incompetent and unworthy of this purpose; our adequacy comes entirely from God.

III. OUR ACTIVITY BEFORE GOD

There are a variety of motivations for service.

False Prophets: Their motivation is power prestige or wealth and they seek to draw followers to themselves.

The True Servant: Acts from pure motives, speaking what God says, empowered by Christ, and whose life is open before God.

Application

God's foremost and greatest purpose for you is twofold: to lead you forth as a participant in His victory parade, and to display His character to the world through what He has done and is now doing in your life.

List 3 specific ways in which your life displays God's character.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What makes you feel worthy of God's purpose for your life?

Examine your motivation for service.

1. What personal benefit do you receive from serving the Lord?

2. How does the pressure of those around you affect what you say and how you act?