

Witnessing God's way October 15, 2018

1 CORINTHIANS 3:6-7 NKJV - (6) I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. **(7)** So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.

One of the common misconceptions about the divine command to evangelize is that it only applies to those who are given the gift of evangelism (Matthew 28:18-20). Consequently there are many in the body of Christ who never enjoy the privilege of being an ambassador for the King of Kings. There is no higher honor than to represent King Jesus as an ambassador by proclaiming His message of salvation to a world that is perishing in sin. Paul informs us that every Christian is given this divine privilege and responsibility.

Since all Christians have been entrusted with the Gospel, let us be exhorted by the words of Paul: "We are to speak, not as pleasing men but God who examines our hearts (1 **Thessalonians. 2:4**). The true Gospel will disturb those who hear it for it speaks of both heaven and hell. It informs sinners of the righteousness of God and His demand for the payment of an infinite debt caused by sin. With this in mind, our primary motivation must always be to glorify God by accurately reflecting the heart of His revelation to mankind.

What Paul means in the scripture above is that he and Apollos have no honorable role to play, but that compared to God's role in the church, it is as nothing. God is shining so brightly, you can't see the candle of their significance. <u>It is about HIS glory only!</u>

SCRIPTURE READING

MARK 16:15

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Far too many people want the goodies of God without being grateful to the God from whom the goodies come.