

“REPRESENTING JESUS WELL”

Series: “Insight for the Journey,” part 8 of 16
Saturday, November 21, 2009 at 5:00 pm and
Sunday, November 22, 2009 at 9:00 and 11:00 am

Big Idea: God has assigned us as ambassadors of heaven to represent Him to the people on planet earth.

Text: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Bullet: Representing our King is the greatest privilege in the world.

THE PASSAGE ITSELF:

2 Corinthians 5:16

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

2 Corinthians 5:18

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

2 Corinthians 5:19-20

that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

FIVE KEYS TO BEING A SUCCESSFUL AMBASSADOR:

1. _____ YOUR ASSIGNMENT.

2. _____.

3. **DON'T HANG OUT TOO MUCH BEHIND** _____.

Matthew 5:14-16

You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

1 Peter 2:11-12

Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. Live such good lives **among** the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

4. **DON'T LOSE YOUR** _____.

2 Corinthians 6:14a

Do not be yoked together with unbelievers.

2 Corinthians 6:14-15

Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?

2 Corinthians 6:16

What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."

5. _____.

Colossians 3:17

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.