

## “CONFRONTING CONVENIENT CHRISTIANITY” Pt. 4

### I. ANALYZING THE HUMAN PROBLEM

### II. APPLYING THE DIVINE SOLUTIONS

#### A. What Are They?

1. You need to recognize that the ultimate purpose of your life is to \_\_\_\_\_, not to be happy. (John 11:4; 14:13; 15:8; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; Eph. 1:3-12; 2 Thess. 1:7-12)
2. You need to realize that our Lord determines the \_\_\_\_\_ for discipleship and service, not you. (Mark 8:35-38; Luke 9:18-26; 57-62)
3. You need to daily reckon yourself to be \_\_\_\_\_ to sin and \_\_\_\_\_ unto God through Jesus Christ and \_\_\_\_\_ yourself to the Lord to serve Him under the rule of grace. (Rom. 6:1-4; 7:15-25)
4. You need to \_\_\_\_\_ upon Jesus Christ via the \_\_\_\_\_ to lead and enable you to live a God-glorifying life. (Rom. 8:1-13; 11:36-12:2)
5. You need to remember that a yielded heart and transformed mind will result in doing God’s will which involves \_\_\_\_\_ service to \_\_\_\_\_ as unto the \_\_\_\_\_ (Philippians 1 & 2)
6. **You need to take into account that the essence of grace is to \_\_\_\_\_, and to give \_\_\_\_\_; to give with no \_\_\_\_\_ of anything in return.**

#### a. **Grace giving is to be done ANONYMOUSLY. (8:1)**

#### b. **Grace giving is to be done GENEROUSLY. (8:2)**

(1) The churches of the Macedonian region were in a great “\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_,” i.e., they were poverty stricken. (2 Cor. 8:2a; Philip. 4:10-14)

(2) Despite their trials these saints had abundant \_\_\_\_\_, and this was expressed in their giving very \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Cor. 8:2b; Philip. 4:15-19)

#### c. **Grace giving is to be done SACRIFICIALLY (8:3-5)**

(1) These believers even gave \_\_\_\_\_ their financial ability, trusting the Lord that He would meet their needs. (8:3)

- (2) They wouldn't take "No" for an answer; they \_\_\_\_\_ Paul to take the gift. (8:4)

**d. Grace giving is to be done HONESTLY before the Lord (8:6-8)**

- (1) When it comes to the local church, it is imperative to have people in place, which you can trust with the Lord's money, people who are \_\_\_\_\_, and who have \_\_\_\_\_. (8:6)
- (2) The proper \_\_\_\_\_ for giving must be the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in our hearts, not for the recognition of others. (2 Cor. 8:7; Matt. 6:1-4; Col. 3:23-24)
- (3) Giving is to be a matter of personal \_\_\_\_\_ between you and the Lord, apart from \_\_\_\_\_ or coercion. (2 Cor. 8:8; 1 Cor. 16:1-4)

\* Who is our single greatest example of sacrificial giving? (2 Cor. 8:9; 9:15; Philip. 2:5-11)

**e. Grace giving is to be done CHEERFULLY (9:7-8)**

- (1) You are to \_\_\_\_\_ put some \_\_\_\_\_ into what you are going to give to the Lord and His work. (2 Cor. 9:7a; Eph 6:18; 1 Thess. 5:17)
- (2) This is not to be done with an attitude that is \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ by the experience, but rather one that is \_\_\_\_\_ (Gk. *hilaros*), pleased to support the ministry. (2 Cor. 9:7b; Deut. 15:7-8; Rom. 12:8)
- (3) Your limited \_\_\_\_\_ should never limit your \_\_\_\_\_ to give; regardless of how desperate your circumstances are the Lord who is rich is able to give the abundance. (2 Cor. 9:8; Luke 21:1-4; Philip. 4:6, 13, 19)

\* How does 9:12 & 13 give us the big picture and stimulus to make personal application?