

**HOW TO LIVE OUT THE POWERFUL AND VITAL
CALLING OF A CHRISTIAN
October 25, 2009: 2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2**

I. Ready?

1. Our _____ must be tamed.

"Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men..." (5:11a)

2. Our _____ must not be on ourselves, but on what God has done in our _____.

"What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is plain to your conscience. We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than what is in the heart." (11b-12)

3. We must be motivated by _____.

"...it is for you." (13b) "Christ's love compels us..." (14a)
"...one died for all..." (14b) "...should no longer live for themselves..." (15a)

4. We must gain new _____.

"...we regard no one (nor Christ) from a worldly point of view..." (16)
"if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (17)

5. We must experience _____.

"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ...not counting men's sins against them" (18-19)

II. Action!

6. We must accept a _____ to be _____.

"gave us the message of reconciliation" (18b) "And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation" (19b) "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us." (20)
"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." (21) "As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain..." (6:1)