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| **Slide #** |  |
| **1** | **Paul, The Beggar**  **2 Corinthians 5:18-20** |
| **2** | **What Kind Of Begging Did Paul Do?**  In 2 Corinthians 5:20, the word “***entreating***” is defined as “to call to one’s side” & includes “to **beg, entreat, beseech**.”  Synonyms include to **implore** or to **plead**.  There is to be **urgency** and **importance** in our “***entreating***”, **begging and pleading**. |
| **3** | **What Paul Did Beg or Plead For?** |
| **4** | **That We Speak The Same Thing…**  1 Corinthians 1:10, *“****Now I plead with you****, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all* ***speak the same thing****, and that there be* ***no divisions*** *among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the* ***same mind*** *and in the* ***same judgment****.”* (NKJV)   * How do we speak the same thing? (1 Peter 4:11) * Can we have ***“no divisions”***? * Same mind (Ephesians 4:1-3) & judgment. (Acts 15) |
| **5** | **Don’t Receive The Grace Of God In Vain…**  2 Corinthians 6:1, ***“And working together with Him, we also urge you not to receive the grace of God in vain.”***   * Our ***“reconciliation”*** by God’s grace can be ***“in vain”.*** * “Vain” - (Philippians 2:16) “To no purpose” (Thayer) * We must keep running, working and growing (2 Cor. 6:6-7) even during the difficult times. (6:4-5) * What we must continue and grow in. (6:8-10) * Don’t be lead astray or turn back! (2 Corinthians 11:3; Galatians 4:8-11) |
| **6** | **Present Yourself A Living Sacrifice**  Romans 12:1, ***“Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your (reasonable, rational) service of worship.”***   * As we consider God’s grace and the sacrifice of both the life and death of Jesus, is it not rational that we would offer ourselves as living sacrifices for Him? * We’re part of something bigger than ourselves. (1 Peter 2:4-5; cf., 2 Samuel 24:24) |
| **7** | **Walk Worthy Of Our Calling**  Ephesians 4:1, “***Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called***…”  (cf., 1 Thessalonians 2:11-12)   * What is ***“our calling”*** and what is it asking of us?  (2 Thessalonians 2:14-15) * Our “***walk***” is a “***walk in love***, just as Christ also loved you” (Ephesians 5:2), “***as children of light***” (5:8) who **carefully redeem the time**. (5:15-16) |
| **8** | **Admonish, Encourage, Help, Be Patient**  1 Thessalonians 5:14, ***“We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone.”***   * ***We must “consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together… but encouraging (pleading, urging, begging) one another”*** (Hebrews 10:24-25) * We must pay attention to the spiritual needs of each other. |
| **9** | **Excel Still More**  1 Thessalonians 4:1, 9-10; “***Finally then, brethren, we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us instruction as to how you ought to walk and please God (just as you actually do walk), that you excel still more… Now as to the love of the brethren… indeed you do practice it toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, to excel still more***.”   * Keep drawing near, (James 4:8-10); Keep striving for the “**measure**” (Ephesians 4:13). Keep seeking “**higher ground**.” |
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