

The Love of Christ Compels

II Corinthians 5:14-17





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**What does the love of Christ
compel us to do?**

Live Ambitiously v.9-11a

“aim” = ambition – to love and honor

- My ambition/aim (love & honor) should be the same on earth as it would be in heaven.
- Motive – I will be judged (works) and the lost will be judged (sin).

“finding out what is acceptable to the Lord”

Ephesians 5:10

“work out your own salvation”

Philippians 2:12

Pleasing

Not Pleasing

Marriage relationship

Parental relationship

Church attendance

Church involvement

Finances

Giving

Employment

Athletics

Physically

Personal time

Devotional time

Live Differently v.15-17

- Paul was united with Christ in death and therefore received new life in His resurrection. Romans 6:4-11
- Paul died to sin and was resurrected to righteousness. Titus 2:14, I Peter 2:24

“Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.”

I Corinthians 11:1

Live Connectedly v.18-21

- As an “ambassador” Paul was ...
 - An emissary who represented a foreign land. **Philippians 3:20**
 - An agent who communicated the message of a foreign land.
- God reconciled me and committed to me so therefore I communicate (plead & implore) heaven’s message. **Romans 10:13-15**

What did the love of Christ compel Paul to do?

Paul was compelled to ...

- Live a life that showed that he loved and honored God.
- Live a life that was totally different than the philosophy of the world.
- Live a life that proclaimed the life giving, soul saving message of the gospel.