What's Our Purpose?: A Study in Contrasts – Part 2

1. Not to Please <u>Everyone</u> But to Please the <u>Lord</u>

(Col 3:22-24) ...whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men....

2. Not to Teach What We <u>Want</u> to <u>Hear</u> But What We <u>Need</u> to <u>Hear</u>

(Acts 20:27) For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. (2 Tim 4:1-4) Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

(1 Thes 2:4-5) ...neither at any time did we use flattering words...

3. Not To Gain Glory But To Give Ourselves For Others

(1 Thes 2:6-9) ... Nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others...

4. Not To <u>Retain</u> Everyone But To <u>Impact</u> Everyone

(1 John 2:18-19) ... They went out from us, but they were not of us...

5. Not To Teach Man's Imperfect Ideas But God's Inspired Word

(Col 2:6-8) Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

(1 Tim 6:20-21) O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane [and] idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge – by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith. Grace [be] with you. Amen.

6. Not to Pursue Trends But To Preach the Truth

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane [and] idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. (2 Tim 2:15-16)

7.	Not To Make God _	of Your	But To
	Make Him the	of It	

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. (Matt 6:33)

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. (Col 3:1-2)

8.	Not To Temporarily Change Your	
	Permanently Change Your	

But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. (Matt 15:18-19)

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9.	Not To Develop Bu			
	receive with meekness the impl be doers of the word, and not h looks into the perfect law of libe	y aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and anted word, which is able to save your souls. ²² But earers only, deceiving yourselves. — ²⁵ But he who rty and continues <i>in it</i> , and is not a forgetful hearer will be blessed in what he does.		
10.	Not To	But To		
	(Eph 4:11-16) ¹¹ And He Himself gave some <i>to be</i> apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴ that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head Christ ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.			
11.	Not to Focus on	Accomplishments but		
	Victories (Phil 3:7-8) But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ			
12.		But Toto the Image of Jesus Christ		
	For whom He foreknew, He also	o predestined [to be] conformed to the image of His		