

Personal Life and Ministry

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I. Personal Life.

A. Introduction.

1. Text: 2 Corinthians 4:18.
2. Subject: what committed Christians do and why they do it.

B. What committed Christians do.

1. The condition of the committed Christian.
 - a. Committed Christians generally have peace when they die and think of others.
 - b. Although the Christian's body is fading, inwardly he is renewed day by day.
 - c. The committed Christian seeks a life of eternal glory.
2. We fix our eyes on what is unseen.
 - a. Committed Christians give priority to the things that are unseen.
 - b. If you live committed to the next world you get this one in the package; if you live for the other, you lose them both.

C. Why the committed Christians fix their eyes on the unseen.

1. This world is temporal.
2. God wants us to help others surrender what they cannot keep in exchange for what they cannot lose.
3. How to apply this: have a quiet time twice a day.

II. Ministry.

A. Introduction.

1. Text: Acts 8:35.
2. The character of Philip.

- a. He was a deacon selected to minister to the widows.
- b. He was an effective evangelist in Samaria.

B. There comes a time when we need to open our mouths and say something.

- 1. Prayer is indispensable but sometimes it is insufficient.
- 2. It is impossible to have faith in God without a word from God.
- 3. The two most important questions—Who is Jesus Christ? What does He mean to me?
- 4. We must share our faith with others.

Application questions

1. What does 2 Corinthians tell us about the way the committed Christian is to live?

2. What does Philip teach us about evangelism?

3. Which area do you plan to work on? What will you do this week to challenge yourself in this area?
