

How Paul Dealt With the Misinformed

Introduction: It's a challenge for us to know how to deal with people who are in error or are simply misinformed and need to be corrected in their thinking. Let's learn a few things from Paul about how he was successful in dealing with the misinformed.

I. Paul and the Work of a Preacher

- A. The work of a preacher is to inform. (2 Tim. 2:24-26)
- B. It's about ensuring salvation for self, and for others. (1 Tim. 4:16)
- C. Success begins with a proper perspective.

II. Paul's Patience In Teaching

- A. Paul was a tireless worker who became a slave to all. (1 Cor. 9:19-23; Acts 20:17-21, 24-27; 31)
- B. Notice the extent of patience Paul encouraged and demonstrated toward misinformed brethren. (1 Cor. 8:4-7 1 Cor. 5:12)
- C. Let all things be done with prayer.

III. Paul's Approach For Dealing With the Misinformed Corinthians

- A. The Corinthians were quite misinformed. (1 Cor. 3:1-4; 1:2-4)
- B. The "Basics" approach. (1 Cor. 2:1-5; 15:1-8)
- C. The "Realist" approach. (1 Cor. 10:1-13; Acts 14:22)
- D. The "Positive & Negative Reinforcement" approach. (1 Cor. 11:2, 17)
- E. The "Don't You Realize" approach. (1 Cor. 3:16; 5:6-8; 6:15)
- F. The "Blunt" approach. (1 Cor. 4:6-14; 1 Cor. 5.)

Conclusion: Paul focused his life in order to instruct his brethren... a great example for us to follow and thoughtfully plan how we can best serve our brethren with whom we labor.