

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

2 Corinthians 4:14-17

Ingredients of a biblical philosophy of ministry...

- I. A RIGHT VIEW OF GOD
- II. A RIGHT VIEW OF MAN

Category #1 – *THE NATURAL MAN*

Category #2 – *THE SPIRITUAL MAN*

THREE DISTINCTIVE MARKS that are found in every follower of Christ...

1. A DISTINCTIVE OBLIGATION

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1 Tim 2:1 -... I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men.

Heb 12:14 - Pursue peace with all men...

1 Tim 2:2 - for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.

14 For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; 15 and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

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*Rom 6:3–4 - 3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been **baptized into His death**? 4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through **baptism into death**...*

Rom 6 - 5 For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection...

15 - ...died and rose again on their behalf.

15 and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

2 Cor 5:9 — ...we...have as our ambition...to be pleasing to Him.

Col 1:10 — ...walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, (seeking) to please Him in all respects...

Rom 6:4 - Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

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- 1. A DISTINCTIVE OBLIGATION**
- 2. A DISTINCTIVE WORLDVIEW**

• *A NEW WAY OF SEEING OTHER PEOPLE*

16 Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh...

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2. A DISTINCTIVE WORLDVIEW

- *A NEW WAY OF SEEING OTHER PEOPLE*
- *A NEW WAY OF SEEING CHRIST*

16...even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer.

MARK SEIFRID – *We don't depend on our own construction of reality or our own interpretations of the world. We don't put authority in the stories that we tell ourselves...stories that are so conditioned by our time and place, but more fundamentally, by the self-seeking that is inherent in us. Christ has given us the capacity to see beyond the visible things of this life to those things that are invisible and eternal. And this marks all our decisions about life.*

2 Cor 4:18 - *... we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.*

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- 1. A DISTINCTIVE OBLIGATION**
- 2. A DISTINCTIVE WORLDVIEW**
- 3. A DISTINCTIVE IDENTITY**

17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

– THERE IS a new creation

EMPLOYMENT ...

Col 3:23 - Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men...

MARRIAGE ...

Eph 5:32 - This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.

PARENTING ...

Eph 6:4 - Fathers...bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

SUFFERING ...

Rom 8:28–29 - 28 ... God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. 29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son...

Jesus says...

Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. (Matt 11:28)

...If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. (John 7:37)

... and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. (John 6:37)