

## Healthy Fear Always Leads to FOCUS:

### The LOVE of Christ Controls Us!!!!

2 Corinthians 4 & 5

Whatever we allow to CONTROL our lives,  
MATTERS MORE THAN WE COULD EVER IMAGINE!

① Focusing our **eyes** on .....! {2 Corinthians 4:16–5:8}

Everything we see except people is temporary!  
As followers of Christ, we walk by FAITH, not by SIGHT!

② Focusing our **eyes** on .....! {2 Corinthians 5:8–10}

Taking a careful LOOK at our AMBITION!  
And an accurate GLANCE at our APPEARANCE!

③ Keeping an eye on .....  
{2 Corinthians 5:11–21}

—Five things that will sharpen our **FOCUS**

—1— A healthy sense of **Fear** that involves: (3–R’s)

—**RESPECT** for God’s **authority**!

—**REVERENCE** for God’s **awareness**!

—**RECOGNITION** of God’s **agenda**!

—2— A sense of **Obligation** from Christ’s love for us!

—3— A sense of **Change** = we are new creatures in Christ!

—4— A sense of **Urgency** = we’ve been reconciled & we now  
have the role of helping others  
become reconciled to God!

—5— A responsibility to **Speak out** as Christ’s ambassadors!

## Personal Applications

Taking Some Time To Think About How These Truths Relate To Us

{1} Once we respect & recognize God’s authority, we can begin to understand & accept His right to judge & examine our service for Him.

{2} As faithful followers of Christ, we should be motivated by a sense of awe from God’s grace & love and a sense of reverence from God’s awareness of everything we do.

{3} Even though I am saved by grace & I can’t earn any aspect of my salvation from sin, my ultimate and primary ambition should always be to please God & make Him proud of me.

{4} The sacrificial love of Christ should have a controlling influence over our lives.

{5} We should never allow ourselves to lose sight of what matters in eternity. Life, as we know it, is temporary and eternity is forever! This should give us a sense of urgency to serve as ambassadors for Christ who consistently look for opportunities to share the Gospel!