

# Sermon Notes for Sunday March 1

## MVP IX: The Apostle Paul's Mission Statement to You and Me Col 1:24-2:5

Embrace our Mission to Maturity in 5 Steps ....

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ in Mission: proclaim Jesus v28a
  - a. make much of Jesus- introduce, elevate, bring fame, center of everything
  - b. recognize Christ \_\_\_\_\_
  
  - c. outward focused message, find your voice,
  - d. hindering force- making it about ourselves, private faith only
  
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ in Mission: admonish and teach with wisdom v28b
  - a. warn- those going the wrong way, unlearn, can't remain silent 2:4,8,16
  - b. teach everyone- disciple the right way 2:2,3,6,7,9,10
    - i. Do you prefer to warn or teach?
  - c. with all \_\_\_\_\_ - surrendered knowledge, from God's point of view
  - d. hindering force- people pleasing and \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Mission: present everyone complete in Christ v28c
  - a. constantly learning, growing, becoming- not accomplishments
  - b. discipleship compared to parenting and family I Thess 2:6-12
  - c. hindering force- to become Jesus to them, fulfillment in being needed
    - i. \_\_\_\_\_ maturity for years of service, experience
    - ii. too busy to invest in younger believers

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ in Mission: toil and struggle v29a, 2:1,5
  - a. human strength, intense effort, depth of caring in a superficial world
  - b. relationships that grow take work
  - c. hindering force- \_\_\_\_\_ an easier life, culture loves comfort
    - i. Are you invested (involving struggle & sacrifice) in people's growth ?
  
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ in Mission: with all His energy v29b, Phil 2:12,13, Eph 3:20,21
  - a. in dependence upon God, He gives us His supernatural strength
  - b. no matter how hard working- your \_\_\_\_\_ is not enough
  - c. it's only God's power which enables us to bring people to maturity
  - d. hindering force- \_\_\_\_\_ of self-effort

Division of \_\_\_\_\_: to strive or abide- a false choice

"Pray as if everything depends on God & work as if everything depends on you" St Ignatius  
Turn it all over to God in prayer and then work tirelessly and urgently to do God's work

Mission to Maturity in 5 steps, which principle(s) do you need to add to your life?

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