

God's Cherished Working Vessels

Acts 28:1-16

Relationship between _____ and _____

How does _____ view _____ in His Kingdom?

How do _____ view _____ in His Kingdom?

Paul's Journey as a Christian

_____ about Paul: Acts 9:15-16

Paul's understanding of _____ life: Acts 20:22-24

Paul's experiences in the _____ leading up to this passage

Acts 28:1-16

Arriving on the island with _____ at all, Paul and the others...

were cared for by the _____

were protected by _____

Paul's ministry continued in _____! Even though...

he was still a _____ of Rome

who had just escaped _____ by shipwreck

and had lost _____ earthly possession

Paul was strengthened and encouraged by _____ who travelled to care for him

Even though a prisoner, Paul's _____ continued in person

and in writing

The Big Ideas:

God is _____ with and God _____ for

_____ His children

and _____ His churches,

which He calls to _____ in His kingdom

That doesn't mean that being a child of God is the _____

thing to do 2 Corinthians 11:21-29

It does mean that it is the MOST _____ and _____

thing to do Philippians 3:8-9

We are _____

Highly _____ and fully _____

Work that is _____ by God,

done in God's _____,

is a _____ and a _____

Application:

God calls ALL His children to _____ in His Kingdom

Instructions to first century "_____": Colossians 3:23

God's call can include seemingly "_____ " work

and seemingly "_____ " work

God's call can include _____, _____, and _____

By God's grace, _____ is called to serve in His Kingdom!

Ephesians 3:8

What has he called _____ to do?

Ask God and _____

This week: probably what you were doing _____

Maybe God has a new _____, or maybe not

Maybe God wants us to do the same work for a new _____

Don't _____ hard work and sacrifice

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Follow _____ and _____ call for you

Take _____ in God's presence and care in our call

God's servants are highly _____ AND well _____

1 Peter 5:10-11; John 4:34

Encourage (build up the _____) of God's workers

Who is doing God's work who might be...

Overlooked? _____ and discouraged? Experiencing _____?

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Are you tired and discouraged?

Ask for _____

From _____ and _____

Reflection

- Of the four models (dustheap, junker, display case, cherished workhorse), how do you tend to see yourself in God's kingdom?
- How might that view of yourself affect how you live your life?
- What is your sense of God's call on your life? Might that be changing?
- What does it mean for you to do your work as for the Lord rather than doing it for human or earthly masters?