

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for July 7-8, 2001

"Good Results from Bad Circumstances"

Philippians 1:15-18

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Do motives matter when the true gospel is proclaimed?

Just because Paul encourages us to rejoice when the true gospel is proclaimed, whether in pretense or in truth, he is not encouraging us to be indifferent toward improper motivations in regard to ourselves or others.

We need to consider our motives if we hope to be commended as a faithful steward of Christ's gospel.

He proved himself faithful in respect to his manner of ministry (1 Thessalonians 2:1-2).

He proved himself faithful in respect to the message of his ministry (1 Thessalonians 2:3).

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He proved himself faithful in respect to the motives of his ministry (1 Thessalonians 2:4).

The lust of the flesh (2 Timothy 3:1-6)

The lust of the eyes (1 Thessalonians 2:5)

The pride of life (Philippians 1:15-18)

We need to consider our motives if we do not want to be a hindrance to the gospel (1 Corinthians 9:11-12).

We don't want God to have to work around our lives we want God to be able to work through our lives.