

COLLECTIVE

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THE COMPELLING FATHER

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

Being compelled by the love of God is a powerful, Spirit-filled motivation that drives us to share the gospel in ways that persuade people to commit their lives to Jesus. **But this must come in a position of knowing and acknowledging what God has done for you.**

Parenting is not a one person's job. It is both our parts to play. Therefore, your spiritual life is equally as important to your spouse's spiritual life. Your children should always see their parents as a unit.

The circle of importance.

How it should be = God > spouse > children

Wrong = Children > God > Spouse

Our goal is to live by example.

What kind of legacy do we want to leave behind?

Let's explore our motivation of what compels us.
Is it the love of Christ or what the world could offer?

Luke 15:17-24

Jesus used this story to explain the love of the father for his children. If you understand this, how can you live as a lukewarm Christian? How can you be a "normal Christian"?

The moment we die to ourselves, is the moment we live for Christ!

2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

Change must be anchored on the word of God.

Galatians 5:17

Change is not immediate, but if we decide to be in Christ there must be a **change inside us that leads us to a more Christ-like in decision making.**

It is a process and a journey. That is why we need God. God journeys, he walks with us. He doesn't just touch and go. That is why Jesus promises the Helper which is the Holy Spirit because we can't do it on our own. The important thing is not just asking God to be present in our lives but also be present in His presence.

To live in Christ also means to love like Christ and that love involves serving others.

Galatians 5:13

2 Corinthians 5:18

If God has any expectation over our life, it would be this: Be a messenger of reconciliation. God wants to redeem everyone not just us and how He does it is through us. Through our ministry, through us investing in other people's lives including our family.

2 Corinthians 5 :20

Our credibility as an ambassador of Christ is developed through a consistent pattern of choices between conviction and convenience. And often conviction is the not so popular choice. Conviction is troublesome, conviction often cost something.

Proverbs 22: 6

Let's not live life ordinary and just some "normal" Christian member. Live a new life in Christ which reflects his Life.

Live a legacy loving God passionately.