Essentials for Impacting Others

Sunday June 13, 2021 Series: Genuine Ministry

"Again you have heard that it was said to those of old,
"You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn."

But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth,
for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.

And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black."

Matthew 5:33–36 ESV

"Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil."

Matthew 5:37 ESV

I. Minister with Confidence

"For our boast is this, the testimony of our conscience, that we behaved in the world with simplicity and godly sincerity, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God, and supremely so toward you."

2 Corinthians 1:12 ESV

Attempt to Destroy Paul's Integrity

"Because I was sure of this, I wanted to come to you first, so that you might have a second experience of grace. I wanted to visit you on my way to Macedonia, and to come back to you from Macedonia and have you send me on my way to Judea."

2 Corinthians 1:15–16 ESV

"Was I vacillating when I wanted to do this? Do I make my plans according to the flesh, ready to say "Yes, yes" and "No, no" at the same time?" 2 Corinthians 1:17 ESV

What is My Conscience?

"They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them" Romans 2:15 ESV

II. Minister with Conviction

"For our boast is this, the testimony of our conscience, <u>that we behaved in the world with simplicity and godly sincerity,</u> not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God, and supremely so toward you."

2 Corinthians 1:12 ESV

The Team's Message was Authentic

"For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not Yes and No, but in him it is always Yes."

2 Corinthians 1:19 ESV

Keep The Ministry Simple

"For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, <u>but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ."</u>

2 Corinthians 2:17 ESV

"<u>But we have renounced</u> disgraceful, underhanded ways. <u>We refuse</u> to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God."

2 Corinthians 4:2 ESV

God's Word is the Answer

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."

2 Timothy 3:16–17 ESV

III. Minister with Clarity

"For our boast is this, the testimony of our conscience, that we behaved in the world with simplicity and godly sincerity, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God, and supremely so toward you."

2 Corinthians 1:12 ESV

How Could I Improve My Impact for Jesus?

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