

Questions

1. Paul in verse 10 gives four admonitions that provide a secret for spiritual and numerical success. How would you summarize Paul's strategy?

2. The Corinthians in verses 11-13 had definitely misplaced their focus. What was the situation that was reported to Paul?

3. Paul's concern centers in verses 14-16 on a misunderstanding of when one is actually saved. Does Paul believe it is baptism that finalizes salvation, or is the person saved by responding to the gospel? On your own, look up the word "baptism" in your concordance, and write down the commands regarding that subject.

4. In verse 17 Paul declares that his purpose for existence as a missionary preacher is to do what?

5. The gospel is made void when it is preached with cleaverness of speech (I Cor. 1:17). How do you balance the simplicity of the gospel with its excellence? How do you present the truth without drawing attention to yourself? What keeps excellent qualities from becoming slick qualities?

6. How does verse 17 affect you in regard to your search as to what the will of God would be for you?

