

**TRUE LIGHT M.B.
WEDNESDAY
NIGHT BIBLE STUDY
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HATTIESBURG, MS**

SERIES: CORINTHIAN CORRESPONDENCE

TEXT: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:8-10

LESSON: GETTING OFF THE PERFORMANCE TREADMILL

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THIS EVENING I WANT TO CONTINUE OUR SERIES ENTITLED: CORINTHIAN CORRESPONDENCE. IT'S A SERIES DESIGNED TO HELP US LOOK AT THE PROBLEMS THE CHURCH AT CORINTH FACED TO SHOW US THEY ARE NOT DIFFERENT FROM THE 21ST CENTURY CHURCH AND GOD HAS AN ANSWER IF WE WOULD JUST LISTEN AND OBEY HIS WORD.

WE ALL STRUGGLE WITH PROBLEMS.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:8-10

8and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also. 9For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

REF. 15:5-8

5and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6After that He appeared to more than five hundred brothers *and sisters* at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; 7then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; 8and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.

3 TRUTHS ABOUT PERFORMANCE TREADMILLING

TRUTH #1

I. MANY PEOPLE ARE CAUGHT IN THE TRAP OF PERFECTIONISM V. 8

8and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also

5 QUESTION TEST TO DETERMINE PERFECTIONISM:

A. ARE YOU AN IDEALIST OR A REALIST?

B. DO YOU SET UNATTAINABLE GOALS FOR YOURSELF?

C. DO YOU HAVE TO BE THE BEST IN ORDER TO BE HAPPY? V. 10

10But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

D. DO YOU THINK GOD IS MORE PLEASED WITH SERVICE THEN HE IS WITH LOVE AND DEVOTION?

E. DO YOU DWELL ON FAILURE RATHER THAN LEARN FROM IT?

TRUTH #2:

II. PERFECTIONISM IS A MISERABLE EXISTENCE V. 9

9For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

3 THINGS PERFECTIONISM DOES TO US:

A. IT'S STEALS FROM YOU. YOUR PEACE, IT STEALS YOUR JOY, IT STEALS YOUR SATISFACTION IN LIFE.

B. IT AFFECTS YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

C. IT HURTS YOUR FAMILY

TRUTH #3:

I. PERFECTIONISM IS DEFEATED BY GOD'S GRACE. V. 10

10But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

REF. ROMANS 11:6.

6And if by grace, then *it is* no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if *it is* of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.

EPHESIANS 4:32

32Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

REF. 1 COR. 15:10

10But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

NEXT WEEK: THE PROBLEM OF LIBERAL THEOLOGY 1 COR. 15:12-20