

perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; {27} in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness; {28} besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches."



4. A _____: to _____, verses 10-11
(John 15:1-5) "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. {2} "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. {3} "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. {4} "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. {5} "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."



Learning from a Worldly Church Who are We Kidding?

1 Corinthians 15:8-11 we see 4 continuous spiritual processes moving us toward maturity:

1. Seeing my _____: _____ seeing it, verses 8-9

(Ephesians 3:8) "To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,"



(1 Timothy 1:15) "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief."



2. Seeing God's _____: and being _____ by it, verses 8-10, 4:21

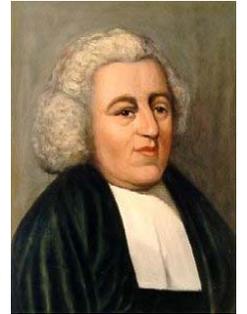
(2 Corinthians 11:5) "For I consider that I am not at all inferior to the most eminent apostles."

(2 Corinthians 12:11-12) "...; for in nothing was I behind the most eminent apostles, though I am nothing. {12} Truly the signs of an apostle were accomplished among you with all perseverance, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds."

(Romans 1:1) "Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God"

(Galatians 1:9) "As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed."

(Matthew 7:21) "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, ..."



3. Having a heart to _____: _____ held back, verse 10

(Romans 15:18-19) "For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient; {19} in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ."

(2 Corinthians 11:23-28) "Are they ministers of Christ?; I speak as a fool; I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. {24} From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. {25} Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; {26} in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in