

Choosing Our Obsessions

*“And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.” 2
Corinthians 4:3 (English Standard Version)*

We have good _____, but are we _____ to the Lord?

Some Who Were Obsessed With Jesus

A. Obsessions in the New Testament:

1. John 1:43-49 - _____ wasn't impressed with Jesus - until he _____ Him. If he is the same as _____, then he left _____ to _____ Jesus.
 2. Mark 5:1-5,15,18-20 - The man who was _____ by _____ wanted to follow Jesus, but instead obeyed the Lord by _____ his _____ what the Lord did.
 3. Acts 8:4 - The Christians who were _____ did not stop _____ the word.
- B. We _____ these people, but have we translated their _____ into our own?

Each Must Choose His Own Obsessions

A. Developing an obsession with Christ:

1. Romans 12:1,2 - Paul spoke of _____ changes in their lives. Why? Because of the _____ of God, and it was a _____ service to give. It would happen if they allowed God to _____ their _____.
2. Romans 1:28 - Without Christ our minds are _____, and God will _____ us _____.
3. Romans 6:11 - In Christ we are _____ to _____, and dead to _____.
4. 2 Corinthians 4:3,4 - But some are _____ by _____.

B. A battle for our hearts:

1. Acts 13:8 - Is someone trying to _____ us from the _____?
2. John 12:42,43 - Are we hesitant to _____ Jesus because we seek the world's _____?

C. If we fail to develop an _____ with Christ, the _____ will rush in to fill the _____.

1 Kings 18:21 - Are we also _____ between two _____?
Do we keep silent when asked that question?

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