

September 6, 2020 I Corinthians 2:1-8 "Not In My Strength"

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

1. "The power that is in the Gospel does not lie in the eloquence of the preacher, otherwise men would be the converters of souls, nor does it lie in the preacher's learning, otherwise it would consist in the wisdom of men. We might preach until our tongues rotate, till we would exhaust our lungs and die, but never a soul would be converted unless the Holy Spirit be with the Word of God to give it the power to convert the soul." *Charles Spurgeon.*
2. Paul continues to deal with the problem of disunity in the church, there was continued allegiance to human philosophies and leaders that contributed to disunity. Human wisdom was keeping believers from divine wisdom, and from spiritual growth and unity. *John MacArthur.*
3. In verse three of our passage Paul speaks of his emotions and inadequacies of sharing his faith! If the most aggressive and passionate missionary ever felt hesitant to witness due to fear and weakness, we can expect the same emotions as well, remember, God chose the "weak" things of this world for His work!
4. Salvation was purchased by the Son, but it was planned by the Father. Those who talk about "the simple Gospel" are both right and wrong. Yes, the message of the Gospel is simple enough for an illiterate pagan to understand, believe, and be saved. But it is also so profound that the most brilliant theologian cannot fathom its depths. *Warren Wiersbe*

APPLICATION:

As believers mature in their faith they will want to share their faith with others. Often it's with family members, a friend, a co-worker, or a class mate. It can be difficult to take that leap of faith to share the gospel. This can take a person right out of their comfort zone! Beloved, remember that you are not alone, you are the one who sows and waters, it is the Lord who gives the increase (saves the person). It is an act of love to share our faith with those who are lost, separated from God in their sin. Let's love people enough to make ourselves vulnerable. Go in the power of the Holy Spirit.