

Unblocked!

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2 Corinthians 10:13-16 (NIV)

¹³We, however, will not boast beyond proper limits, but will confine our boasting to the sphere of service God himself has assigned to us, a sphere that also includes you.

¹⁴We are not going too far in our boasting, as would be the case if we had not come to you, for we did get as far as you with the gospel of Christ. ¹⁵Neither do we go beyond our limits by boasting of work done by others. Our hope is that, as your faith continues to grow, our sphere of activity among you will greatly expand, ¹⁶so that we can preach the gospel in the regions beyond you. For we do not want to boast about work already done in someone else's territory.

In the verses of scripture listed above Paul defended his teachings against the false teachings that had begun to creep into the church at Corinth. He wanted the Corinthians to be able to discern his teachings from that of those who pride themselves on their own teachings, teachings not from God. In these scriptures Paul pointed out the importance of faith continuing to grow and thus by their faith growing the gospel of Jesus Christ would continue to expand. Jesus commanded the disciples to go into the uttermost parts in order to preach the gospel to the lost. This sermon is about self-evaluation.

How would you describe your relationship with Jesus? Is your life blocked? If you are unsure or not able answer these questions then let's examine your life. There are three types of Christians. There are those who are **engaged**, **unengaged** or **destructively unengaged**.

Those who are destructively unengaged are miserable. It's difficult to find contentment in life in general. You find yourself with excuses on why you can't contribute and complain about the work others do. Are you complaining all the time?

The next group is the unengaged. This group doesn't understand the benefits of having time with God or continuously participating in church.

Then there are those who are engaged. The engaged has made their relationship with God the priority and is fully committed with passion to participating in sharing the love of Christ.

If you have decided that you are one who is not engaged that's ok. Today is a new day with new opportunities to fully engage in your relationship with Christ and other believers. Don't be stiff-necked and stubborn admit honestly to yourself and God where you are and His grace will show up to move you forward. If not then resistance to God will cause you to block your own blessing. There is a law at work called the law of sowing and reaping. This works in the natural when a physical seed is sown and then it produces a plant likewise this happens in the spiritual realm. Someone sowed into your life leading you to Christ. Now it's your turn to help someone else. As you do this a harvest of God's blessing will flow back to you because you will be engaged in the advancement of God's Kingdom. God is calling believers to a standard of living. He is done with petty consumerism Christianity, in other words He is done with the believer who lives the life of "It's all about me!" He is done with religion and tradition which hinders believers from growing. He's attracting believers into a daily relationship not just a "Sunday kinda love" As your appetite for Him increases God will meet that hunger. Just like the Manna he rained down from Heaven, His supply is available daily. Not just on Sunday. A Sunday supply won't last you all week. You must make time daily to be feed in His presence. Learn how to live the way God wants you to live. This will require you to refocus because what may have been working for you may no longer fit you. You may need to make an adjustment. Be solution focused! Refocus to ensure you are evolving and working toward your purpose...glorify God! If you have become disengaged just refocus and make the necessary adjustments. Do your part! Faith equals growth; growth equals faith. As you live by faith you grow. As you grow your faith increases. As your faith increases you grow some more and so on.

God made a deposit in you, now He expects you to deposit into others...unblock your life!