

## Fighting for Someone's Soul (part 2)

We can't make people listen to us. However, there are things that we can appeal to that will encourage those we love to listen to our counsel. This is especially true when it is their soul we want to see saved!

Scripture(s): 2 Corinthians 11-12

I. The first appeal Paul makes to the Corinthians to beg them to listen to him before they cause him true pain is the critical, "notice me at least as well as you do others." Paul's true criticism is that they are without discernment regarding who they let teach them truth.

II. The second appeal Paul makes to the Corinthians to beg them to listen to him before they cause him true pain is a true invitation to notice his sacrificial love. If love is what we are giving, then that love testifies of our honesty.

✓ Invest honestly in the lives of lost people.

III. The third appeal Paul makes to the Corinthians to beg them to listen to him before they cause him true pain is joining the boastful "proof" of his commitment to Jesus. Paul considered this type of posturing utter foolishness.

IV. The fourth appeal Paul makes to the Corinthians to beg them to listen to him before they cause him true pain is another boastful appreciation of spiritual ability or experiences. Paul understood that telling others about the abundance of our spiritual giftedness in order to prove our worthiness to lead is worthless.

V. The fifth appeal Paul makes to the Corinthians to beg them to listen to him before they cause him true pain is his genuine \_\_\_\_\_ upon the strength of Christ and Christ alone. We have no reason to ever be \_\_\_\_\_ of our desperate need of Jesus for strength and salvation.

✓ Live out your dependence upon Jesus in \_\_\_\_\_ of others.

VI. The sixth appeal Paul makes to the Corinthians to beg them to listen to him before they cause him true pain is the obnoxious call to \_\_\_\_\_ his apostleship. Paul found it amazing that the Corinthians expected him to prove that he was a \_\_\_\_\_ apostle.

VII. The final appeal Paul makes to the Corinthians to beg them to listen to him before they cause him true pain is the call to listen to what \_\_\_\_\_ wants of them. We must bring the focus of our concerns always back to \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus.

✓ Urge others to respond to the Jesus who is \_\_\_\_\_ to them. Make it about Jesus!

Remember this - Although we cannot \_\_\_\_\_ anyone to be genuinely saved, we must urge them to listen.

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"Here I Am To Worship"

"Wonderful Grace of  
Jesus" 328

"Nearer, My God, to  
Thee" 458

\* Pastoral Prayer &  
Children's Sermon \*

"Create In Me A Clean  
Heart"