

NICE DOESN'T CUT IT

1 CORINTHIANS

Text:

1 Corinthians 1:1-2

¹ Paul, called *to be* an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes *our* brother, ² Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called *to be* saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

Introduction:

There has to be more than just "nice". We expect a Christian to be nice and yet, I know a lot of liberals who put on a "nice front." However if you try to stand up for the inspiration of the Scriptures, the Deity of Christ, the born-again experience as the only way to Heaven, they would try to destroy you. I'm sure that Satan was very nice to Eve in the Garden of Eden. He was wooing her to sin, and it worked.

A good Christian should always be courteous, tasteful, nice, but that is not enough to do the work for God.. I am convinced that unless we strive to "great work" for God, we will not achieve even a good work. In other words, we usually are a little short of the goal we have set and still we should set the goal higher the next time.

Here are some things that will help get the job done.

1. DEDICATION

A. Dedication and Re-dedication must be the order of the day.

2. DIRECTION

A. Where are you going with your life?

B. Where are you going with your life spiritually?

C. Floating along with the tide accomplishes nothing!

3. DISCIPLINE

A. When inspiration quits, then "duty" must take over.

B. Right is always right whether we feel like doing it or not.

4. DECISION

A. Once we have dedicated ourselves to a task, seen the direction which we should go,

dedicated that "come what may" we will discipline ourselves to continue on the right path, then we must decide to do it.

1. The Prodigal Son illustrates this.

5. DETERMINATION

A. We must determine to finish the job.