

# Ambassadors For The King

**Purpose:** To understand what it means to live as God's ambassador on earth.

## 1 Timothy 2:1-4

**Petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving for all people** - Disciples of Jesus are constantly interceding for the world around them in prayer.

**Live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness** - The power of our message comes from the life we personally live. Hypocrisy is one of the greatest deterrents to Christianity.

**God our savior wants all people to be saved** - God desires that our family, neighbors, co-workers, classmates, politicians, and complete strangers are all saved.

## 2 Corinthians 5:11-20

**We know what is to fear the Lord** - We have come to know God personally. Our ministry of reconciliation begins from our personal knowledge of God's love and the judgment to come.

**We try to persuade others** - Because of the knowledge we have received about the judgment to come, our life should be consumed with warning, teaching and persuading others.

**Christ's love compels us** - What moves us to proclaim this truth is the personal and intimate relationship that we understand. We know God's love for us. We are moved and feel obligated to act!

**We are convinced that one died for all** - We believe that the salvation we personally received is not only offered for our benefit. Jesus Christ died on the cross for all of mankind.

**We regard no one from a worldly point of view** - We do not see people as pretty or rich or with social status. We see them as lost without the blood of Christ.

**If anyone is in Christ, the new creation is here** - Similarly, those covered by the blood of Christ have their identity in Christ. We see our fellow disciples as brothers and sisters.

\* Everyone around us falls into one of two categories...they are either saved by the blood of Jesus and therefore are our brothers and sisters, or they are lost, in need of rescuing!

**All this is from God** - We naturally do not think about people like this but God teaches us how to have a spiritual perspective. We should regularly return to scripture to see through God's eyes.

**God reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation** - When we reconciled our relationship with God we also were given a ministry. We now have a purpose, a mission, a calling. We help others to reconcile with God. We are priests,<sup>1</sup> mediators for God.

**We are Christ's ambassadors** - We now serve to represent Jesus Christ on earth. He cannot be here personally and leaves the task to us, his children.

**God is making his appeal through us** - God loves every human being. He is not content with only the Bible being available for people to find. He uses Christians to bring the relational and emotional connection. He pursues people through his children. We love people on behalf of God!

1 [Romans 15:15-16](#) Paul explaining the priestly duty of proclaiming the good news.  
[1 Peter 2:4-5](#), [9](#) We are called to be priests to declare the praises of God

## Matthew 28:18-20

**Go and make disciples of all nations** - We are purposeful as we serve as ambassadors. We are not just passing on information. We are training potential followers of Christ.

**Teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you** - This training requires transferring the entire life that we have been taught.

**I am with you always** - Jesus accompanies us as we make disciples.

## Matthew 5:43-48

**Love your enemies...God causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good** - God loves and takes care of people regardless of how they treat him. We are called to imitate!

**If you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others?** We are called to reach out to people that are not like us. We love across racial, gender, status, and financial lines. We love everyone!

## Luke 10:1-2

**Sent them two by two** - Jesus sent his disciples out in pairs. We all struggle with fear. We need partners to help us and encourage us to do what we are called to do as ambassadors.

**The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few** - The world is filled with lost souls. Our mission is always before us. We will spend the rest of our lives sharing the gospel.

## 1 Thessalonians 2:7-12

**We were delighted to share with you...our lives as well** - To properly share the life of discipleship, we need to invite people into our lives; our homes, our families, etc.

**We dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children** - The imagery of a father balances the loving approach we should demonstrate; both encouraging and urging.

## 2 Timothy 2:14-16

**Keep reminding God's people of these things.**<sup>2</sup> We need to be constantly reminded to keep our mission in front of us. It is easy to get distracted and forget.

**Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved** - We should be growing in our effectiveness and knowledge as we mature.

## MEMORY SCRIPTURE

### **2 Corinthians 5:20 (NIV 2011)**

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

## KEY QUESTIONS

Q: What does it mean to be an ambassador for Christ?

Q: How should this practically look in your life?

2 Paul is referring to [2 Timothy 2:8-13](#) when we says "these things." His life revolved around the fact that Jesus Christ raised from the dead. He was willing to suffer to make sure this message was communicated.