

2009-2010 WORLD MISSIONS SERMON OUTLINE

EVERY WAY

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TEXT

To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings (1 Corinthians 9:22-23).

INTRODUCTION

Within the 45 words found in the *New International Version* of 1 Corinthians 9: 22-23, the apostle Paul uses the personal pronoun “I” five times.

These are not some egotistical statements, rather an acknowledgment of a personal responsibility for bringing the gospel to every individual.

These five “I” statements give a brief glimpse into Paul’s personal commitment so that “by all possible means” he could share the gospel of Christ.

1. Paul’s change: “*I became ...*”
“*I have become ...*”

The verb “became” implies a change. Something in Paul had to change so he might participate in world evangelism.

Ask yourself, “What must I change in order to personally participate in world evangelism?”

2. Paul’s hope: “*I might ...*”

“Might” is an auxiliary verb that implies hope.

Ask yourself, “What is my hope for world missions?”

3. Paul’s work: “*I do ...*”

Present singular first person, “do.”
Paul saw world missions as a personal work.

Ask yourself, “What am I personally doing for the cause of world evangelism?”

4. Paul’s goals: “*that I may ...*”

Paul acknowledges the benefits of active personal participation in world missions.

Ask yourself, “What am I presently doing that will produce eternal benefits?”

CONCLUSION

For the Church to effectively impact the world with the gospel it requires personal change, personal hope, personal work and personal goals.

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