

## AM Sermon Notes

**Text:** *2nd Corinthians 5:7, 9-10*

**Title:** *Spiritual Resolutions*

**Central Truth:** Paul says that as Christians we are to be motivated in our daily lives by the desire to please Jesus and be rewarded by Him.

**I. v. 7: A Call to Faith** (our mode of operation)

KJV & NASB - **walk**, NIV - **live** - Literally the word used here means to walk. It is in the present tense which speaks of ongoing, continual activity - it's the way we operate in everyday living! Walking by faith does not mean that we are flying blind, being foolish or living presumptuously on God. We do not just live according to our physical senses but by God's word.

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**II. vv. 9-10: A Call to Focus** (our motivation - two-fold)

**V. 9: 1. Ambition** (present)

KJV - **we labor**, NIV - **we make it our goal**, NASB - **we have as our ambition** - This is a compound word made up of **love** (Greek - *philos*) and **honor**. It means to be ambitious, to devote oneself zealously to a cause.

KJV - **accepted of him, to be pleasing to Him (Jesus)** - Paul uses ambition in a positive sense. We should be driven by the desire to please Jesus!

**v. 10: 2. Assessment** (future)

KJV, NIV & NASB - **appear** - This word means to make manifest or clear, to reveal, to make visible. It means to be laid bare and to be stripped of every outward façade. **Judgment seat** (Greek - *bēma*) an elevated platform. KJV - **may receive, may be recompensed** - This means that each Christian will receive back exactly what he deserves. The judgment seat of Christ is not about salvation or sin but eternal rewards. There will be no unsaved people at this judgment because they will stand before the "**Great White Throne**" (*Revelation 20:11-15*).

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