



2 Corinthians 5:11-15

11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men, but we are made manifest to God; and I hope that we are made manifest also in your consciences. 12 We are not again commending ourselves to you but are giving you an occasion to be proud of us, so that you will have an answer for those who take pride in appearance and not in heart. 13 For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are of sound mind, it is for you. 14 For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; 15 and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf

Observations:

In the text above, circle the things that motivate Paul.

Understanding:

How does the context help us understand what the "fear of the Lord" really means?

I know Jesus died for all, but I feel awfully alive, what does Paul mean that "all died"?

Application:

Why do we persuade men?

Why do we not live for ourselves?