

# STAY ENCOURAGED

1. It is better to be obedience oriented like Noah rather than results oriented Heb. 11:7.
2. Don't judge Truth by the size of your Church or people's response Mark 6:1-7.
3. God not only commends big churches but small ones too Rev. 1:20; 2:18-29.
4. Our encouragement is found in God's belief in us to call us His ambassadors 2 Cor. 5:17-21. Stay motivated:
  - a. Know there is a future life to come vv. 1-8.
  - b. Labor to be pleasing to God v. 9.
  - c. Be conscious of our future accounting v. 10, 11.
  - d. Don't live unto yourself (selfishly) but live for the one who died for all vv. 14,15.
  - e. See people beyond the natural as eternal beings v.16
  - f. Accept God's belief and trust in you to make His appeal to the world vv. 19, 20.

# An Ambassador is:

1. A high ranking minister of state often chosen from a royal family, sent to another country to represent his own nation.
2. Does not appoint himself, but rather is appointed by the King, president, or prime minister of his country.
3. Does not become a citizen of the country in which he is living, but remains a citizen of the country he came from.
4. Is supplied for by his home country's support.
5. An ambassador's instructions are always in written form so he has no doubt as to what he should do.
6. Do not live under the laws of the country they are in, but the laws of the country they are from.
7. Does not live in the host country for his own personal interests but to further the interest of his homeland. If he is insulted he does not take it personally.
8. When our nation declares war on another nation the first ones removed are the ambassadors.