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Galatians 4:12-20

“Family Matters”

I. “Become like me.” (v. 12a)

12 Brethren, I urge you to become like me ... - **Galatians 4:12a NKJV**

20 and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those [who are] under the law, as under the law, that I might win those [who are] under the law; 21 to those [who are] without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those [who are] without law; 22 to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all [men], that I might by all means save some. - **1 Corinthians 9:20-22 NKJV**

7 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. 8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ - **Philippians 3:7-8 NKJV**

Is your Christian life moving forward into liberty or backward into bondage?

II. Remember how you welcomed me (vv. 12b-15)

12 ... You have not injured me at all. 13 You know that because of physical infirmity I preached the gospel to you at the first. 14 And my trial which was in my flesh you did not despise or reject, but you received me as an angel of God, [even] as Christ Jesus. 15 What then was the blessing you [enjoyed]? For I bear you witness that, if possible, you would have plucked out your own eyes and given them to me. - **Galatians 4:12b-15 NKJV**

III. Beware of their flattery. (vv. 16-18)

16 Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth? 17 They zealously court you, [but] for no good; yes, they

want to exclude you, that you may be zealous for them. 18 But it is good to be zealous in a good thing always, and not only when I am present with you. - **Galatians 4:16-18 NKJV**

2 For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present [you as] a chaste virgin to Christ. - **2 Corinthians 11:2 NKJV**

17 Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. 18 For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple. - **Romans 16:17-18 NKJV**

IV. I desire for you to be satisfied in Christ. (vv. 19-20)

19 My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you, 20 I would like to be present with you now and to change my tone; for I have doubts about you. - **Galatians 4:19-20 NKJV**

20 "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the [life] which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. - **Galatians 2:20 NKJV**

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, [which is] your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what [is] that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. - **Romans 12:1-2 NKJV**

Truths to Take with Us.

- 1. Become/remain free of works and the law as a path to salvation or favor with God.**
- 2. Work to form Christ in yourself.**