

recognizing God's grace he continues to minister and does not allow the trials or testings to make him regret or cease in the witnessing work. We glory in the Lord, not our successes nor our failures. But we should not be reluctant to do something for God in the fear that we shall fail. If the human efforts do not go as planned...His grace is good enough. On the other hand we should not purposely fail or falter and then say.."Well, the Lord knows." It should be our delight to serve Him well and if we are faithful stewards, even a defeat is a victory.

C. His grace is sufficient for our deficiencies. And in this case we look at the text of 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 where, having made a definitive statement about the Gospel, the Apostle notes that he was not worthy to be an apostle at all. But by the grace of God he was what he was and the Spirit of God labored through him in an abundant way. I am not suggesting that this deliverance frees us from the necessity of trying hard or of seeking to improve in areas of life. I am noticing that the personal blessing is that God's grace will enable us to serve in spite of our deficiencies and the privileged aspects of life that we may not have.

III. Conclusion. By faith and commitment the personal blessings are gripped by us. If you wish to indulge yourself in any of these things from which we may have deliverance, you likely will be allowed to do it. But the personal blessings are so real, so available, so tangible it is almost criminal if we do not take what God offers and allow it to bless our lives and the lives of those about us.

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## **MESSAGE # 5: DELIVERANCE FROM SOCIAL LONELINESS**

Biblical Passages: Ephesians 4:7-16; Philippians 1:27-30; Colossians 3:12-17

### **I. Introducing the Subject:**

I am talking about personal blessings given the believer. I have selected a corps of them and most have been based in my own life to some extent. This last discussion may be a bit remote but it deals with our feelings when we think we are all alone in the world or that no one cares for us! The key to solving the matter of social