Study #3

PERSONNEL MAINTENANCE MANUAL SECRET REVEALED

"The Lord doesn't want the first place in my life, he wants all of my life" Howard Amerding

WARM UP

Dr Mason of Burma once wanted a teacher to visit and labour among a warlike tribe and asked his converted boatman if he would go. He told him that as a teacher he would receive only four rupees per month whereas as a boatman he was then receiving fifteen rupees. After praying over the offer, the boatman returned to the doctor and the following conversation occurred. 'Well Shapon,' said the doctor 'what have you decided? Will you go for four rupees a month?' 'No teacher,' replied Shapon. I will not go for four rupees a month but I will go for Christ.'



BACKGROUND

The supremely valuable message of salvation in Jesus Christ has been entrusted by God to frail and fallible human beings. (Jars of clay). What matters is not this perishable container but on its priceless contents.

READ 2 CORINTHIANS 4:1-6

QUESTIONS FOR INTERACTION

1. In the reading Paul gives certain qualities we need to have as men. What are these?

2. With God's calling on our lives how do we stay on track?

3. What happens when the word is watered down?

4. Our message must be more than words. In what way will your life affect others?

CONSIDER THIS

Christianity has the largest number of adherents at 30%. By 2010 this will have declined to 27% and the Muslims will be larger.

WRAP-UP

Discuss what life would be like if we all stated the truth openly in love at our places of work.



IT'S TIME FOR PRAYER

MY RESPONSE AS A PROMISE KEEPER

I will begin asking more questions of my fellow workers to show how much I care.

I will pray that the Lord will show me how he can best use me at my place of work.