

Questions to Consider—With the Master in Heavenly Places—Lesson 8—Ephesians 3:1-11-- God's Purposes Accomplished by a Prisoner, a Table Waiter, and a Chief Sinner!



1. Read Ephesians 3:1-11 and answer the following questions.
 - (a) What words does Paul use to describe himself in this passage?
 - (b) How does Paul's description of himself compare with the description of those in ministry today?
 - (c) What terms would you use to describe yourself in the spiritual sense?

2. Memorize Ephesians 3:7.

3.
 - (a) Paul mentioned in Ephesians 3:1 that he is in prison for the cause of Christ. According to the following passages what is his attitude while he is in prison? Ephesians 6:18-20; Philippians 1:7-20; Colossians 1:24; Colossians 4:3, 4; 2 Timothy 1:8-12; 2 Timothy 2:9, 10.
 - (b) Also, according to these passages, what does he hope to accomplish while in prison?
 - (c) If you were in prison do you think these would be your attitudes and hopes?

4.
 - (a) What words does Paul use to describe himself in Ephesians 3:8?
 - (b) What other words does he use to describe himself in 1 Corinthians 15:9; 1 Timothy 1:15.
 - (c) Why do you think Paul was able to think of himself in these terms?

5.
 - (a) Contrast Paul's thoughts of himself in Ephesians 3:8 with those of Herod in Acts 12:21-23.
 - (b) Who did Paul desire to give glory to, according to Ephesians 3:21?
 - (c) Who did Herod desire to give glory to, according to Acts 12:21-23?
 - (d) Do you think your opinion of yourself is more like Paul's or Herod's? (This is a private question.)
 - (e) According to James 4:6-10 what is the remedy for a spirit of pride?

6. Paul mentions in Ephesians 3:7 that he is a minister of the gospel. In what ways have you been a minister of the gospel this past week? (This is a private question.)

7. In what ways can you be a better servant of the Lord? Please write your need in the form of a prayer request.