

Genesis 3:9

- If there's genuine love there has to be a test. The tree in the Garden of Eden was a test.
- We are born dead spiritually.
- "Where are you?" God calls us!
- You have either relinquished yourself to God's call or He's still calling.

I John 3:1

- I John is written to those that believe.
- God looks at us as His children.
- When you reject God you say you will stand on your own merit.
- Not all that are called will respond.

I Corinthians 12:7

- Spiritual talks about the character of the giver.
- The spiritual gifts are from God for the common good.

I Corinthians 12:4 – 6

- We are not special because of our spiritual gift.
- There are different kinds of gifts, but only one God who gives them.
- Being a pastor is about teaching.
- You cannot take credit for your gift. You are just a vessel for Him to minister through.

- Don't ever think you are special because of your gift. You will make a mockery of the Gospel.
- We are all full time in the ministry.

Ephesians 4:7

- Grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.
- Grace from man's perspective = God's unmerited favor.
- Grace from God's perspective = everything God is free to do for man that man allows him to do.
- When will you receive what God is waiting to give?
- A Pastor is a gift from God to the body of Christ.

I Timothy 4:6, 11, 13, 16

- The emphasis was on doctrine, on being used as a teacher.
- The end result is the body of Christ is built up.

I Timothy 6:11

- Fight the good fight.
- Finish the race.
- Don't just start something... finish it!
- Keep your eyes focused on Jesus Christ.