

Necessary Tensions

Week Six: Influence Evaluation

Sunday, November 19, 2023

1. Tension _____.

"I don't care what other's think."

"I hope they don't think..."

2. Tension Expressed in _____.

"Obviously, I'm not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ's servant."

Galatians 1:10 (NLT)

"Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. ³ For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me."

Romans 15:2-3 (NIV)

3. Centering _____.

"We live in such a way that no one will stumble because of us, and no one will find fault with our ministry. ⁴ In everything we do, we show that we are true ministers of God."

2 Corinthians 6:3-4a (NLT)

A. I care what _____ think of Jesus.

"But notice where the accent falls: not on our value or our excellence or our virtue or our power and wisdom. It falls on whether Christ is honored by the way people think of us. Does Christ look great because of the way we live? It matters to us whether he does."

- John Piper

* _____ Jesus-likeness.

"God has given us the task of telling everyone what he is doing. We're Christ's representatives. God uses us to persuade men and women to drop their differences and enter into God's work of making things right between them. We're speaking for Christ himself now: Become friends with God; he's already a friend with you."

2 Corinthians 5:20 (The Message)

B. I care that I'm _____ Jesus.

"So watch your step, friends. Make sure there's no evil unbelief lying around that will trip you up and throw you off course, diverting you from the living God. For as long as God's still calling it Today, keep each other on your toes so sin doesn't slow down your reflexes. If we can only keep our grip on the sure thing we started out with, we're in this with Christ for the long haul."

Hebrews 3:12-14 (The Message)

* Challenging my _____.

"My dear brothers and sisters, if someone among you wanders away from the truth and is brought back, ²⁰ you can be sure that whoever brings the sinner back from wandering will save that person from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins."

James 5:19-20 (NLT)

* _____ more about the Jesus life.

"Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives."

Colossians 3:16a (NLT)

* I _____.

"So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing."

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NLT)

Who Should I be _____ to? _____

Who Should I _____ Listening to? _____
