DO YOU WANT TO BE FREE?

ALL THE RIGHT STUFF

Galatians 4:12-20

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Have I therefore become your enemy by telling you the truth?

Galatians 4:16

How are we to respond when people turn from the truth and turn on us?

- 1. Appeal to them **Scripturally**.
- 2. Appeal to them emotionally.

I beg of you, brethren, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. Galatians 4:12

- A. Remind them of what you want for them.
- B. Remind them of <u>how they once were</u>.

You have done me no wrong; but you know that it was because of a bodily illness that I preached the gospel to you the first time; and that which was a trial to you in my bodily condition you did not despise or loathe, but you received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus Himself. Where then is that sense of blessing you had? For I bear you witness, that if possible, you would have plucked out your eyes and given them to me. Have I therefore become your enemy by telling you the truth? Galatians 4:12-16

3. Appeal to them **boldly**.

A. Tell them the bold truth about their "new friends."

Those false teachers are so eager to win your favor, but their intentions are not good. They are trying to shut you off from me so that you will pay attention only to them. Galatians 4:17 NLT

B. Tell them the bold truth about obvious motives.

- 1. Ungodly people want your loyalties to be with them.
- 2. Godly people want your loyalties to be with Jesus.

4. Appeal to them <u>lovingly</u>.

Oh my dear children! I feel as if I'm going through labor pains for you again, and they will continue until Christ is fully developed in your lives. Galatians 4:19 NLT

- A. Love can be very painful.
- B. Love is always focused on what is best for them.
- C. Love must be tough.

What area do you need God to help you?