The Destructive Power of a Personal Agenda (2 Corinthians 10-12)

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INTRODUCTION

- David has an agenda. He's committed sin with Bathsheba. He's trying to cover it up. When that doesn't work, he has Uriah killed, and ultimately she becomes his wife.
- We don't need to wait until something begins to happen to address these kinds of things.
- We all need to be thinking about my personal agenda. And how my personal agenda could be destructive in the local work.

1 A New Testament Example in 2 Corinthians

- When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are without understanding.
- They are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.
- For you bear with anyone if he enslaves you, if he devours you, if he takes advantage of you, if he exalts himself, if he hits you in the face.
- But their motives were obviously financial. And notice, they don't have the Corinthians' best interests at heart.
- It's about themselves. It's about self-promotion. It's about you regarding me in a certain way.
- We need to detract from him so that we can elevate ourselves.

2 Potentially Damaging Personal Agendas in the Local Church

Romans 15:1–3; 3 John 9; John 3:30

- Some people are control freaks. They have an agenda and they want it done their way because their way is always right and always best.
- Let's talk about pedestals in the local church. None of us belong on one. The Lord's on the pedestal. We're merely servants of his.
- And it becomes the thing of jealousy. Because people look at someone else and they have what I want to have.
- Sometimes people have the personal agenda of justifying family.
- Sometimes the agenda is my comfort. That's a big agenda for us. By all means, my comfort must reign supreme.
- When people get bitter about their lives, they tend to get bitter with other people.

3 My Agenda Needs to Match the Lord's Agenda

Psalm 50:21; Romans 15:3; Ephesians 4:12–16

- My agenda, my desires, need to match the Lord's agenda.
- It's my problem. Maybe he's not the problem.
- Just because God hasn't punished you for your sins, that doesn't mean that God is approving of your conduct.
- Christ did not please himself. If your agenda is to promote or please yourself, that is not Christ's agenda.
- Here's the agenda for the Decker Prairie Church. The equipping of the saints. Then we all grow into spiritual maturity in the likeness of Christ.
- You must constantly assess is my agenda, my desire, what I want here, does that match the Lord's agenda?

THE CHALLENGE

How are you spiritually right now? Do you need to bring yourself in alignment with the Lord's agenda? Do you need to submit to the will of God for the cleansing of your soul while there's time and opportunity?

MY NOTES