

THE CHALLENGE OF

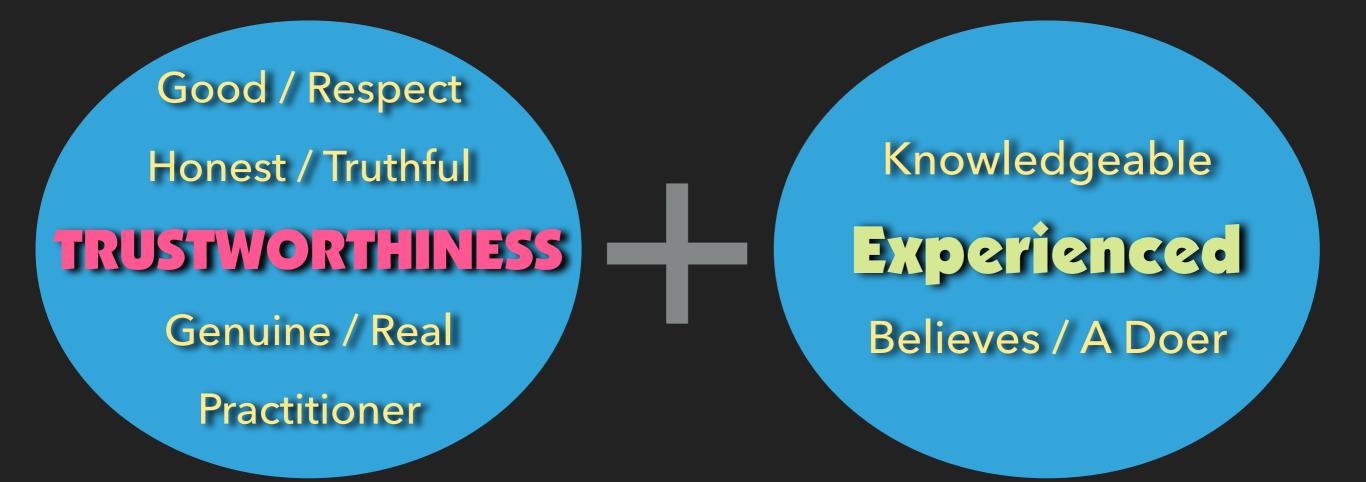
# CREDIBILITY

Romans 2:17-24



## What Is Credibility?

Believability / Respect / Competence



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#### **Two Keys to Credibility**

CHARACTER	CONSISTENCY
What you believe	How you behave
The values that are at the core of your being	The actions you take based on your values
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## The Need For Credibility

#### ROMANS 2:17-24 (NKJV)

17 Indeed you are called a Jew, and rest on the law, and make your boast in God, <sup>18</sup> and know His will, and approve the things that are excellent, being instructed out of the law, <sup>19</sup> and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, <sup>20</sup> an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, having the form of knowledge and truth in the law.

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## ROMANS 2:17-24 (NKJV)

<sup>21</sup> You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that a man should not steal, do you steal? <sup>22</sup> You who say, "Do not commit adultery," do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? <sup>23</sup> You who make your boast in the law, do you dishonor God through breaking the law? <sup>24</sup> For "the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you," as it is written.



- The TRUTH is the TRUTH whether I live it or not! (Rom 3:4; 2 Cor 10:7-11)
- There is such a thing as "False credibility" (Deceivers / Hypocrites / Pragmatism) (Gal 2:1-18; 2 Cor 11:12-15)
- How credible was the church @
   Corinth (1 Cor. 14:23-25)

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#### MATTHEW 5:13-16 (NKJV)

13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. 14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.



- The need to be a Christian 24/7
   1 Pt. 2:11, 12
- The need to grow in knowledge
  2 Pet 1:5-10; 3:17,18; 2 Tim 2:2
- The need to be enthusiastic about worship / being a Christian / spreading the gospel Heb 10:24,25; Titus 2:12-14; 1 Thes 1:6-10

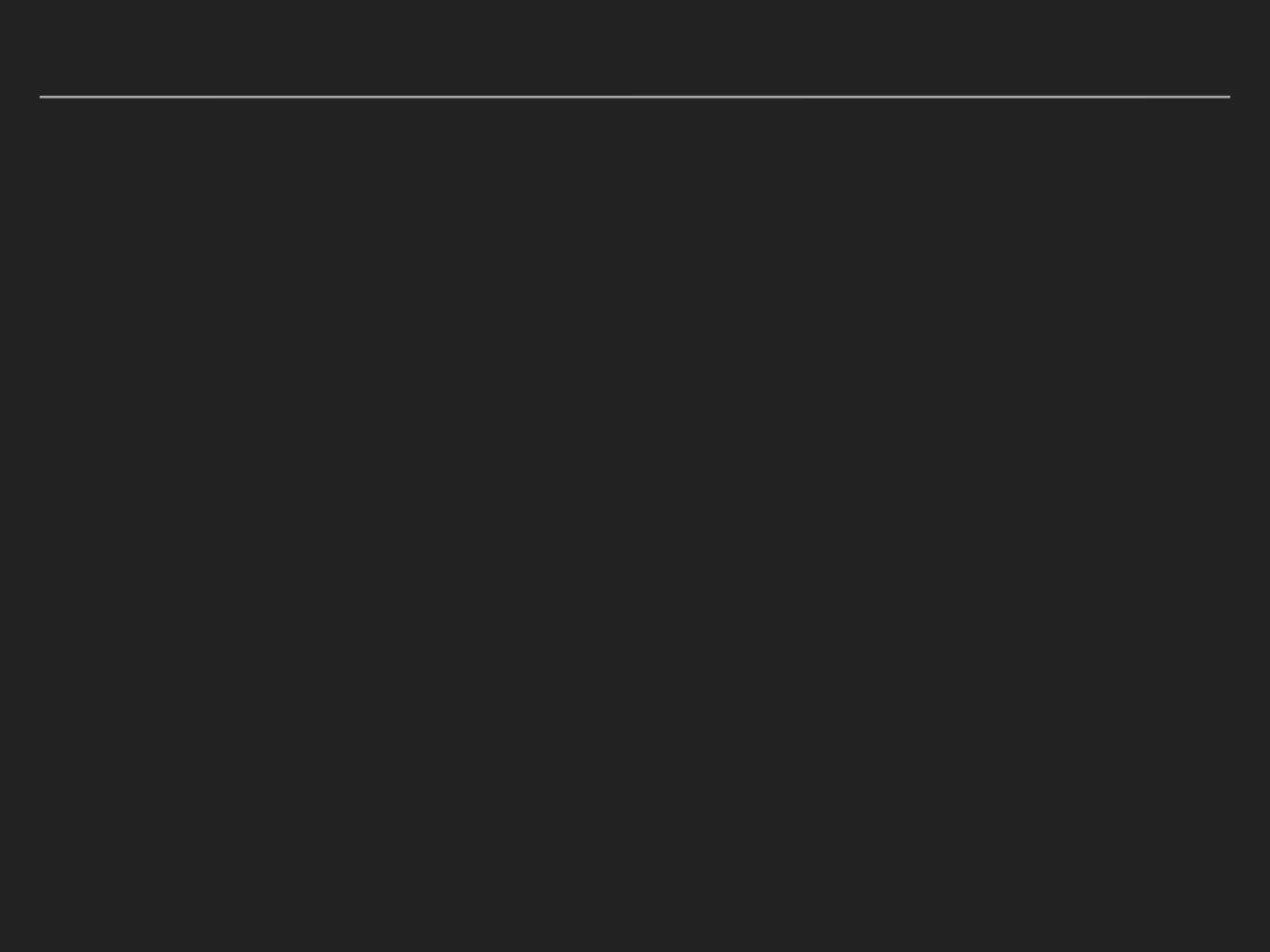


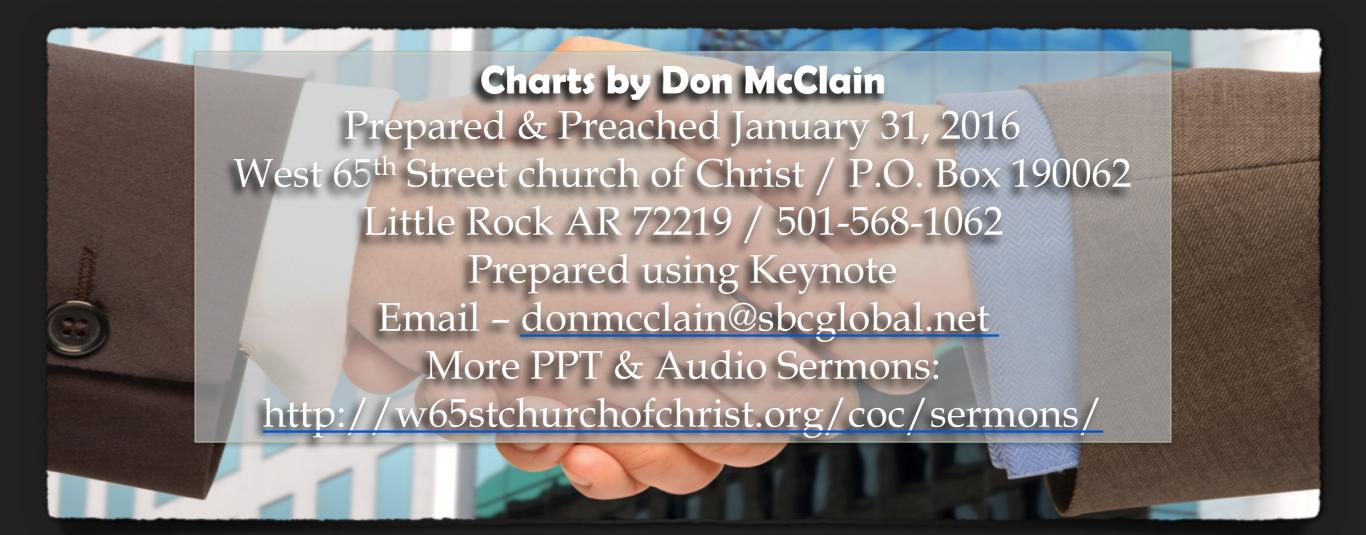
- Am I a good representative of Christ, & what it means to be a Christian? - Rom 12:1,2; 1 Pet 1:14-17; 2:9-12
- Do my words & actions shed a positive or negative representation on this local church?
  - Am I putting forth enough effort to be a credible spokesman for Christ? Phili 2:14-16

PHILIPPIANS 2:14-16 (NKJV) <sup>14</sup> Do all things without complaining and disputing, 15 that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, 16 holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.



- Proclaim truth & Adhere to Bible doctrine - Be doers & not merely talkers!
- Be devout / Be consistent / Be steadfast / Be zealous
- Will be ridiculed, even hated by some / BUT Will get the attention of truth seekers





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11 Now when Peter had come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed; 12 for before certain men came from James, he would eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing those who were of the circumcision. <sup>13</sup> And the rest of the Jews also played the hypocrite with him, so that even Barnabas was carried away with their hypocrisy.

14 But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter before them all, "If you, being a Jew, live in the manner of Gentiles and not as the Jews, why do you compel Gentiles to live as Jews? 15 We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles,

16 knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. 17 "But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not!

<sup>18</sup> For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. <sup>19</sup> For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. <sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. 21 I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."