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themselves in all of life's different phases Further that they were to walk in love as Christ hath also loved us and that not everyone hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God Paul contra to the practice today of many preachers teachers and church officers knew the problems that Christ's followers faced and he boldly addressed them He unequivocally stated that there were things appointed for them to do Knowing these things and the difficulties encountered in following Christ he issued a battle call to each and every follower saying take up unto you the whole armor of God that ye may be able to stand in the evil day and having done all to stand Paul was forthright in describing the benefits and challenges of Walking With Jesus as well as the attitude conduct and conversation precluding one from entering the kingdom of Christ and God If we are to be Christ's Ambassadors whether it be preacher teacher church officer or professing Christian we are to know our duties and carry them out resolutely What are they They include but are not limited to discharging their duties honorably being loyal subjects following instructions knowing the Word and obeying Christ's commands May we along with Paul pray the following with humility and sincerity For which I am an ambassador that therein I may speak boldly as I ought to speak as one of His ambassadors

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