

*Sometimes the greatest challenge we face is how to get complex people to accept the simple message we carry*

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Have you ever met someone so intelligent that simple things confused them, perhaps someone so good with numbers but, yet, unable to coordinate their clothing or interact socially? Life is filled with people who have different problems, perhaps one of the most challenging problems some people face is their difficulty to accept simple solutions to what they see as complex problems.

The Apostle Paul faced this challenge as he witnessed to various people groups in his day. In order to be successful, he found that he decided that he must find common ground with and learn to speak the life language of his listeners. Putting himself into their shoes first, offered him greater opportunity to deliver the simple message of Jesus to the complex cultures of his day. We can learn from his example.

*Prayer for Today*

Father, give me the grace to speak the language of my listeners so that I may be more effective in sharing the message of the Gospel of Christ to a world lost in darkness. Help me to listen before I speak and to attempt to understand others before trying to be understood myself.

*Scriptures for Today*

1 Corinthians 9:19-23 For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law; to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law; to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it with you. (NKJV)