

Are you a Contributing Ambassador?

Introduction – Bill Russell blocked shot in game 7 of 1957 NBA Finals

Key #1 – KNOW that you are an ambassador

- RE-present the King to our broken world and realize the transformation power inside of us is a sign that the King is back
- 1 Corinthians 12:27... “Now you are the body of Christ and INDIVIDUALLY members of it.”

Key #2 – KNOW that as an ambassador of Christ you are controlled by love

- Matthew 22:37-39 ... “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”
 - Love UPWARD - Love God COMPLETELY
 - Love INWARD - Love ourselves correctly; let Him define who and whose we really are
 - Love OUTWARD - Love and serve others regardless of their response

Key #3 - KNOW that an ambassador lives for the glory of Another

- 2 Corinthians 5:15 ... Ambassadors “no longer live for themselves, but for him who for their sake died and was raised...”

Key #4 - KNOW that ambassadors are reconcilers

- Romans 5:10-11 ... “We were God's enemies, but he made us his friends through the death of his Son. Now that we are God's friends, how much more will we be saved by Christ's life! But that is not all; we rejoice because of what God has done through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has now made us God's friends.”
- 2 Corinthians 5:18-21 ... “All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”