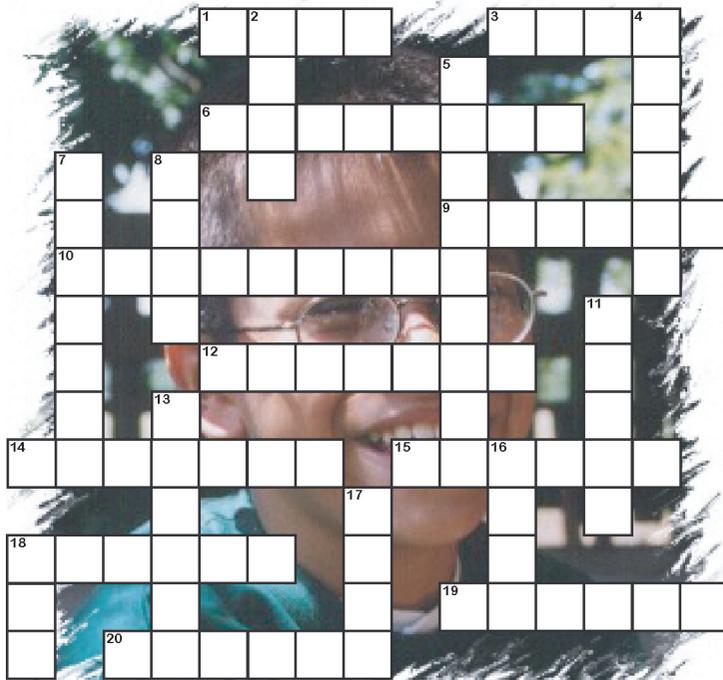


# Crossword Puzzle

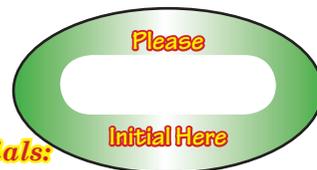


## Across

1. Not all people are the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. In order for people who are different to relate to one another, one or both \_\_\_\_\_ to accommodate the other.
6. Being accommodating will be a great \_\_\_\_\_ to us and others.
9. It is sad when we don't care enough for our \_\_\_\_\_.
10. To work together (not in lesson).
12. Paul set aside his \_\_\_\_\_.
14. God will work through us to \_\_\_\_\_ others.
15. Adjust to get along with \_\_\_\_\_.
18. Paul brought the \_\_\_\_\_.
19. We need to be able to \_\_\_\_\_ to the needs of other people.
20. Its hard for people who are different from each other to \_\_\_\_\_ to each other.

## Down

2. We need to be \_\_\_\_\_ to adapt.
4. We should not always \_\_\_\_\_ having our way.
5. Not the same.
7. Its hard for people to \_\_\_\_\_ from those who are different from them.
8. It is \_\_\_\_\_ for us to adjust.
11. We must all \_\_\_\_\_ to be accommodating.
13. Not all \_\_\_\_\_ are the same.
16. It is \_\_\_\_\_ for people who are different to relate to one another.
17. ... I might by all means \_\_\_\_\_ some.
18. Accommodating people are useful to \_\_\_\_\_.



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## The Character of God's People

- Lesson Nine -

### Accommodating - Adjusting to Others Seen in the Life of Paul

#### I. Overview.

To be accommodating means to be able to adjust to the needs of other people. Not all people are the same. They like to do different things and to go different places. If we are going to be really useful to God, we need to be able to adapt and adjust to the needs of other people.



*We don't all have to be the same to get along well.*

The apostle Paul was an accommodating person. As he traveled spreading the good news of God's salvation, he met many different kinds of people. Paul did his best to relate to each kind of person right where they were. He did not require them to change to be like him, rather he did his best to adjust to be like them. In this way they were better able to receive what he had to say. Because Paul was accommodating, he was very useful to God.

#### II. Memory Verse.

**"To all men I have become all things that I might by all means save some."**

(1 Cor. 9:23)

### III. Lesson.

When people are different from one another, it is hard for them to relate to or understand each other. Even if people do understand what is said, it is still hard for them to really receive



Sometimes we have to adjust to others.

what is said by people who are different from them. In order for people who are different to be able to relate to one another, one or both of them need to accommodate the other.

#### Paul Was Accommodating

The apostle Paul went many places bringing the gospel of God. He met many different kinds of people. Paul did his best to be accommodating to the many different kinds of people that he met. This means that he probably did some things he did not prefer to do, and he went to places he would rather not have gone to. He did this to meet people where they were and to bring the gospel to them. Paul did not require them to change, but rather, he changed to be more like them. In this way they were more able to receive what Paul had to say.

Paul said “to the Jews I became as a Jew... to the weak I became weak... to all men I have become all things that I might by all means save some”. Paul was able to set aside his own ways and desires and become like other people in order to be able to speak the gospel to them.

#### We Must All Learn to be Accommodating

All of us are different. We often have to make adjustments in order to get along with others. It is good for us to do this. Sometimes we want to do a particular thing, yet our friend may want to do something else. It is sad when we don't

care enough about our friend to accommodate their need. We should not require people to change to be like us. Rather we should change to be like them. This does not mean that we would change to be like someone who does bad things or causes trouble. But it does mean that we should care for our friends enough to not always demand having our own way.

Eventually God is able to use people who are accommodating in ways he cannot use those who are not. If we are able to adapt and adjust to the needs of others, we will be able to allow God to work through us to benefit them. This will be a great blessing to us, to them and also to God.

### --- Questions for Discussion ---

1. What does it mean to be accommodating?  
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2. Why did the apostle Paul adjust himself to be more like others?  
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3. Why is it important for us to be accommodating?  
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4. How can we be accommodating?  
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