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✓ We should also be _____ and _____ whatever God is focused on and what distracts Him.

How to win people to Jesus:

1. Accept the personal _____.

(2 Corinthians 5:17-20 NLT) (17) This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! (18) And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to Himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to Him. (19) For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And He gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. (20) So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making His appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"

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