
COURAGE FOR YOUR MINISTRY: Learning from the Patterns of Paul (2 Corinthians 4 and 5)

- I. God is in This — So Don't Give Up!** (2 Corinthians 4: 1-6)
We have a Great Ministry by God's Mercy; therefore, we do not lose heart
- II. God Will Keep Us Forever — So Don't Give Up!** (2 Corinthians 4:6-18)
We have a Victorious Ministry; therefore, we do not lose heart
- III. Our Longings Will Be Met — So Keep Looking Up!** (2 Corinthians 5:1-8)
We have a Confident Ministry; therefore, we walk by faith


We have a **CONFIDENT** Ministry (1 Corinthians 5:1-9)

- A. Our Future DWELLING PLACE (5:1) - We **KNOW** we will receive a New Body
- B. Our Current LONGING (5:2-4) - We **LONG** to Receive our New Body
- C. Our Present PREPARATION (5:5-8) - It is God's Design for us to **Know** about our Future Body and Long for it


IV. We Have an Audience of One — So Don't Get Distracted!
(2 Corinthians 5:10-13)

We have a **COMPELLING** Ministry; therefore, we persuade men


A. Our Chosen _____ (5:9) — “...we make our aim...”

 **2 Corinthians 5:9** Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent to be well pleasing to Him.

B. Our Future _____ (5:10) — “...for we must all appear...”

 **2 Corinthians 5:10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad


C. Our Present _____ (5:11) — “...we persuade men...”

 **2 Corinthians 5:11** Knowing, therefore, the terror [fear – Proverbs 1:7; 9:10] of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.


D. Our Transparent _____ (5:11d) — “...are well known in your consciences.”

1. **Our _____ (5:11d) — “...I also trust [we] are well known in your consciences.”**

2. **Our _____ (5:12) — “For we do not commend ourselves again to you”**

 **2 Corinthians 5:12** For we do not commend ourselves again to you, but give you opportunity to boast on our behalf, that you may have *an answer* for those who boast in appearance and not in heart.

3. **Our _____ (5:13) — “For...it is for God...it is for you”**

 **2 Corinthians 5:13** For if we are beside ourselves, *it is for God*; or if we are of sound mind, *it is for you*.


(a.) For God’s _____

(b.) For Man’s _____

V. God’s Love Motivates Our Ministry — So Stay Focused on Him!

(2 Corinthians 5:14-15)

4. **Our _____ (5:14-15) — “For the love of Christ compels us...”**

 **2 Corinthians 5:14-15** For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; 15 and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again

a.) **The _____ of Christ’s [agape] Love (5:14) — “For the love of Christ”**

(1.) Jesus Christ Died as My _____ — “if one died for all”

(2.) Jesus Christ Died that I might _____ — “then all died”

b.) **The _____ of Christ’s Love (5:15)**

(1.) _____ to Ourselves — “...that those who live should no longer live for themselves.”

(2.) _____ to our Savior — “...but for Him who died for them and rose again.”