

Ministers of the New Covenant - 2 Corinthians 2:12-3:6

Topics: Example, Gospel, Holy Spirit, Knowledge, Ministry, New Covenant, Sincerity, Witnessing

Open It

1. What does the phrase “the letter of the law” mean to you?
- * 2. What mentor or friend of yours lives by the “spirit of the law”?

Explore It

3. Why was Paul willing to leave Troas, despite the opportunities there? (2:12-13)
- * 4. Why was Paul thankful to the Lord? (2:14)
5. How can knowledge of Christ be a fragrance? (2:14)
6. By what method did Paul expect the gospel to be spread? (2:14)
7. In what way are Christians the aroma of Christ? (2:15)
8. Which two groups of people are affected by how Christians live? (2:15)
9. In what way are Christians the smell of death to some and the fragrance of life to others? (2:16)
10. How did some people of Paul’s day misuse the Word of God? (2:17)
11. Who might have needed letters of recommendation? Why? (3:1)
- * 12. In what sense were the Corinthians a record of Paul’s values and concerns? (3:2-3)
13. In what sense were the Corinthians a record of God’s values and concerns? (3:2-3)
- * 14. Where did Paul get his competence? (3:5-6)
15. What’s the difference between the letter and the Spirit? (3:6)

Get It

16. What causes Christians to be legalistic about their faith?
17. What can we learn from Paul’s pastoral concern for the Corinthians?
- * 18. What qualities do you think are essential to a good pastor?
19. When has the Lord opened a door of ministry for you? How did you respond?
20. In what ways are you an aroma of Christ among others?
- * 21. How could you better represent Christ to the unbelievers you know?
22. How do some Christians peddle the Word of God for profit?
23. In what ways has God made you competent?

Apply It

- * 24. When could you talk with your pastor to learn of your church’s concerns and thus be able to pray for these needs more effectively?
25. What about Christ do you want people to “read” in you this week?