

A Closer Look at Your Ministry

Therefore, seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; but have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the Word of God deceitfully; but **by manifestation of the truth** commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. 2 Corinthians 4:1-2

How are we to handle the Word of God?

What is the proof we are handling the Word of God without deceit?

God has given us a ministry, a work to do and we must do it. We must not use the ways of this world but simply manifest the truth. When the truth is manifested, is present, then all things come to light.

But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. 2 Corinthians 4:3-4

Who is the gospel hidden to?

Who has blinded the lost so they don't receive the Gospel?

Who is the god of this world?

In the Gospel, the Truth is hidden only to those who refuse to believe in the Creator. God's Word tells us in these last days that people will purposefully accept a lie and refuse to hear the truth.

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving **heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;** forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. 1 Timothy 4:1-3

Who will willing to receive lies?

Why are they heeding to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils?

What has happened to the conscience of those who have departed from the faith?

For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. 2 Corinthians 4:5

When we speak, it must be the **Holy Spirit speaking through us and not ourselves.** Once the Holy Spirit is done, we must recognize that he is no longer pressing forward and simply stop talking. If we continue to speak, we will be moving in the flesh and not the Spirit. Learn to recognize when the Holy Spirit is done. Let's not elevate ourselves as Lucifer did while in his former position, I do not want to be fired as he was.

When you are speaking about the truth, God's Word, who should be speaking?

For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:6

Why has God's Light shined into our hearts?

My brothers and sisters, we must let His Light shine everywhere and not hide it, if The Light is hidden and cannot be seen we must ask ourselves is The Light truly in me. When we open doors and windows to the enemy to come and reside The Light grows dimmer and dimmer until we have kicked The Light out. Take the power and authority given to you and cast that bad boy out in the name of Jesus Christ and put the Messiah there.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. 2 Corinthians 4:7

What is the earthen vessel that the treasure is in?

What is the treasure? (Hint: Colossians 1:27)

God must continue to increase and we must continue to decrease.

We are incapable of doing anything on our own for the Lord. If we are trying to do it, we might as well find one of those old kid toys “Sit and Spin” and sit down and spin around and around. Both will have similar results for the kingdom. It’s not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit saith the Lord.

We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; **always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus**, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus’ sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. 2 Corinthians 4:8-11

Let this truth sink down deep. Let Jesus manifest in your body. Walk in the faith of the Son of God.

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless, I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh **I live by the faith of the Son of God**, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

And they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. Galatians 5:24

For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. Colossians 3:3

Who is supposed to be living?

If your body isn’t spiritually dying or dead, what is it?

If you are dead than who is in charge of you?

If you are dead, who is living?

What faith are you to live by now?

So, then death worketh in us, but life in you. We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak; knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you. 2 Corinthians 4:12-14

What rises up within you to speak and share the Gospel?

I believed and therefore have I spoke. Can I get an AMEN? Let it be so for each one of us, that it is so made up in our minds, hearts, and spirit; that we know the truth, and then we open our mouths wide and speak it. (Psalms 81:10) WOW! Then Jesus Himself jumps forth and performs it. AWESOME!

For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God. 2 Corinthians 4:15

Jesus Christ manifesting Himself is for our benefit, it is for the benefit of the body. Let our thanksgiving resound for this abundant life we have inherited. Amen.

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

What is renewed day by day?

What do we see with our spiritual eyes?

Oh, the blessed things that are not seen, SO AWESOME!