

## 2 CORINTHIANS | THE PERSEVERANCE AND CONDUCT OF GOD'S SERVANT, 2 CORINTHIANS 4:1-7

Paul was a minister of the New Covenant. A covenant established by Christ as He fulfilled the law and shed His blood on Calvary. The Holy Spirit applies it by transforming the hearts of believers. This covenant will be completely applied as God's promises are realized by Israel in the future. The New Covenant ministry was powerful and glorious because of the transforming work of the Spirit. God's people would no longer be repelled by the glory of God's judgment in the Old Covenant but drawn by the grace of God shining in the face of Christ our Savior. Although the ministry was powerful and to serve was a privilege for Paul, it was not without its difficulties. Paul and his team were faithful in their ministry, but he would write that we are all to be equipped for ministry, *Ephesians 4:11-12*. Ministry is ultimately our role of service to God and others. How does a faithful follower of Christ carry out gospel ministry?

1. We realize the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and serve with \_\_\_\_\_ . 4:1 press on. 4:1
2. We must be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the handling of our ministry. 4:2
3. We understand there will be those who will not be \_\_\_\_\_ to our ministry because of \_\_\_\_\_ beyond our \_\_\_\_\_. 4:3-4
4. We must not be \_\_\_\_\_ but faithful in our mission to preach \_\_\_\_\_ and serve \_\_\_\_\_. 4:5
5. We must give \_\_\_\_\_ to whom \_\_\_\_\_ is due. 4:6