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2 CORINTHIANS 3:1-6

What are your credentials? What makes you qualified? Can I see your application? You may have had to answer questions like this when applying for a job or a school, etc. Have you ever had to reapply or resubmit a resume or application? That process could be frustrating especially when the person you submitted it to knows you personally. This was the case with Paul. The church in Corinth knew him personally, yet he was being scrutinized in such a way that he wondered if he needed to reintroduce himself to them again. Undermining leaders had infiltrated the church. They came with written letters of recommendation, and they caused the people to wonder if Paul had a letter of recommendation. They laid additional burdens on the people that Paul did not. You can see how the people would ask, who is right? Paul again is put in a position where he needs to defend his ministry. What is the evidence of a follower of Christ's ministry and how does the new covenant affect our everyday lives?

1. When we live for Christ, the _____ we leave are _____ impacted for Him. 3:1-2
2. When impacted by the New Covenant in Christ, obedience becomes an _____ motivation due to the work of the Spirit in our lives, instead of merely an _____ effort. 3:3
3. Christ makes us _____ to change lives through the New Covenant, so our _____ must be anchored in Him. 3:4-6a
4. Those who rely on their _____ to please God will realize the letter _____ but those who rely on _____ find that the Spirit gives _____. 3:6b