

“CHECKLIST FOR AN EFFECTIVE MINISTRY”

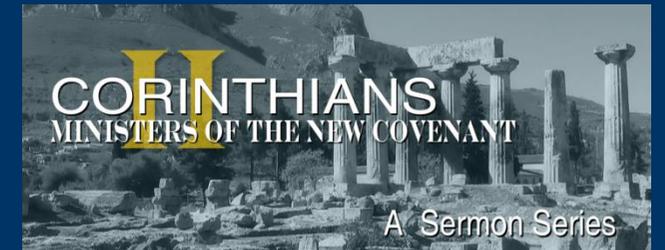
(2 Corinthians 4:1-6)

Expository Sermon of II Corinthians - Sermon 6

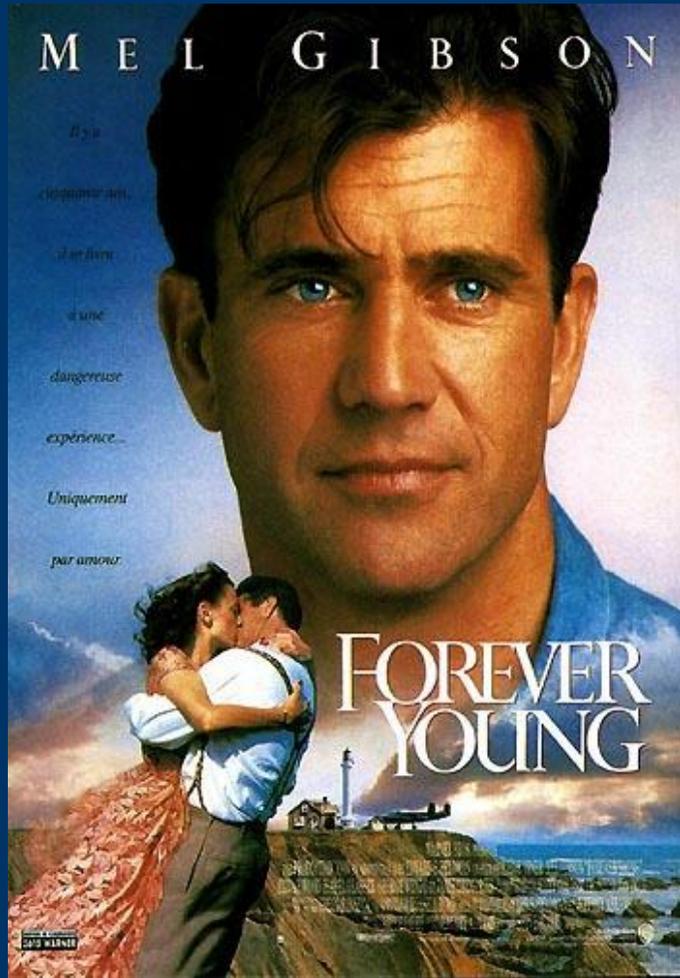
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INTRODUCTION:

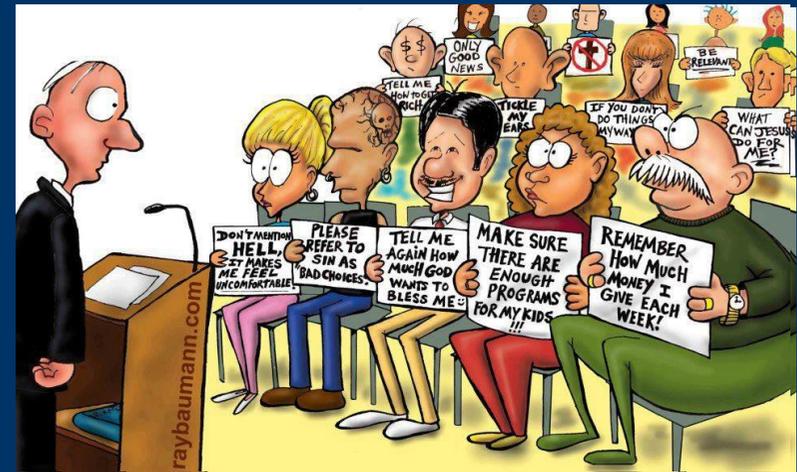
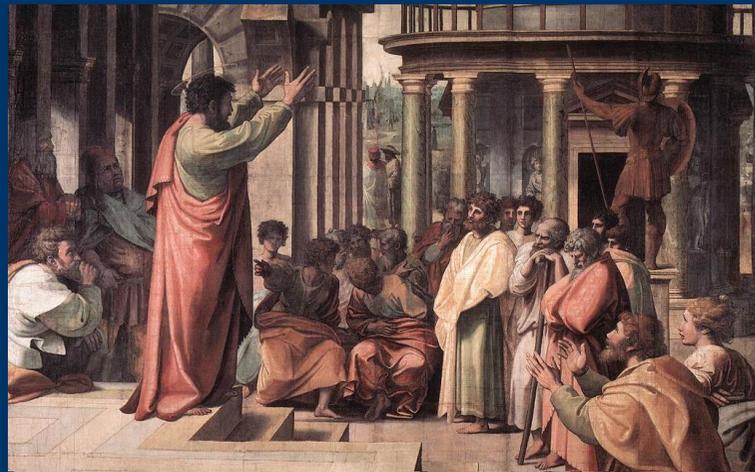
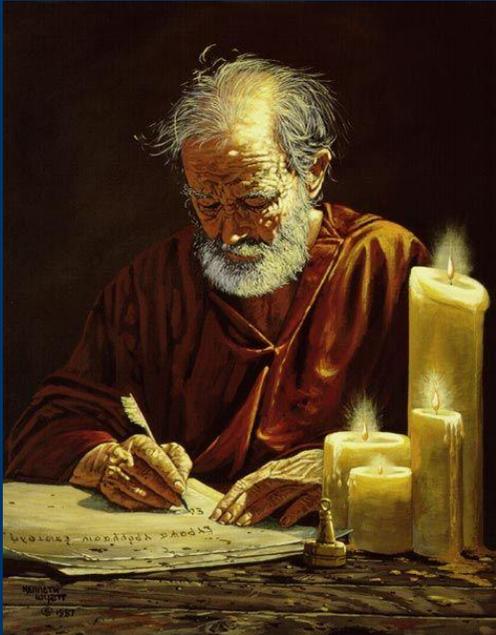


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If Paul is alive today, "What would Paul say about the present church as compared to the infant church he planted in Corinth?"



I. MINISTRY TODAY

The three main reasons that contribute to today's confusion in Christian ministry.

- A) There is a rarity of biblical instruction.***
- B) There is an overemphasis on emotional persuasion.***
- C) There is a breakdown of personal integrity.***

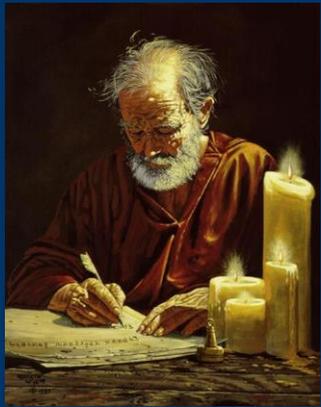


II. MINISTRY AS GOD INTENDED IT TO BE

A) *A Correct Mentality*



2 Cor. 4:1 *Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart.*

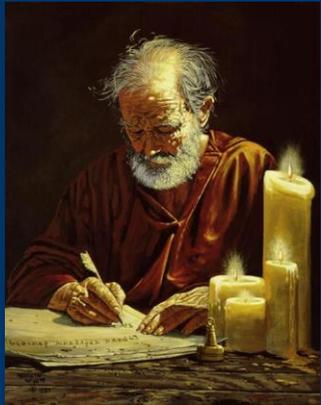


- 1) An effective ministry requires a right philosophy.**
- 2) An effective ministry includes an abundance of mercy.**
- 3) An effective ministry provides a consistent stability.**



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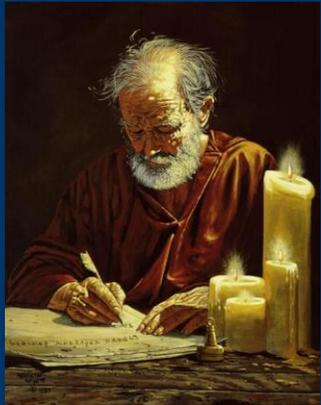
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1) There is a rejection of deceit.



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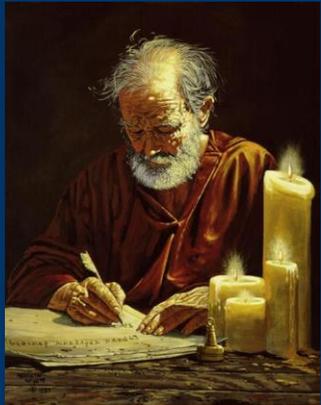
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2) *There is an unwillingness to rely on cleverness.*



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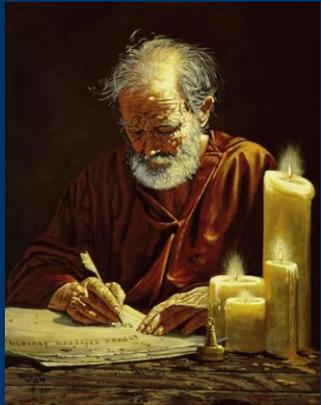
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3) *There is a refusal to mishandle Scripture.*



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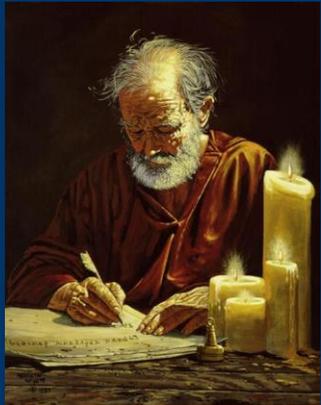
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4) *There is a reaching out to touch everyone's conscience.*



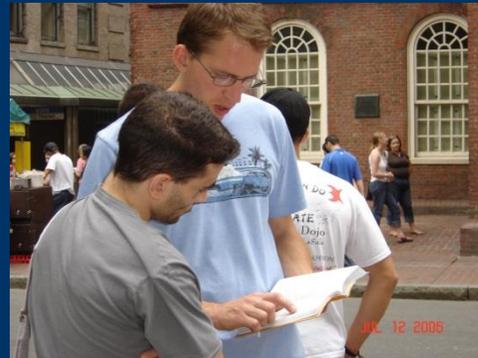
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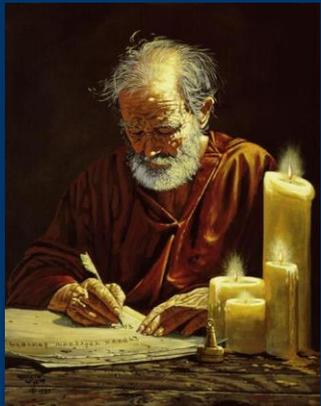
2 Cor. 4:3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ **The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers**, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

5) There is a realization that some will not believe.



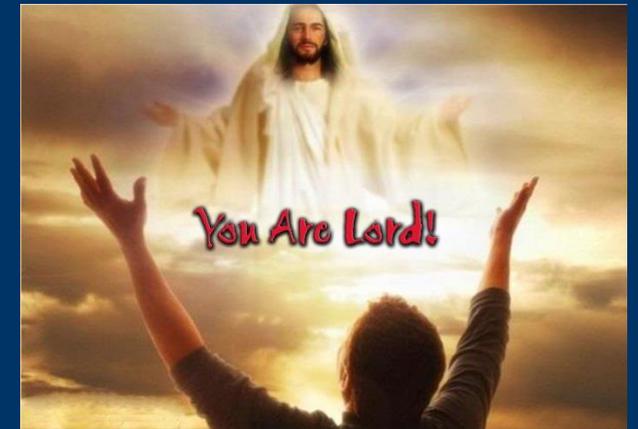
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C) *An Authentic Model*



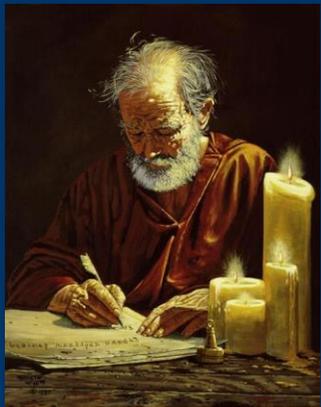
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1) That person does not proclaim himself or herself "as Lord."



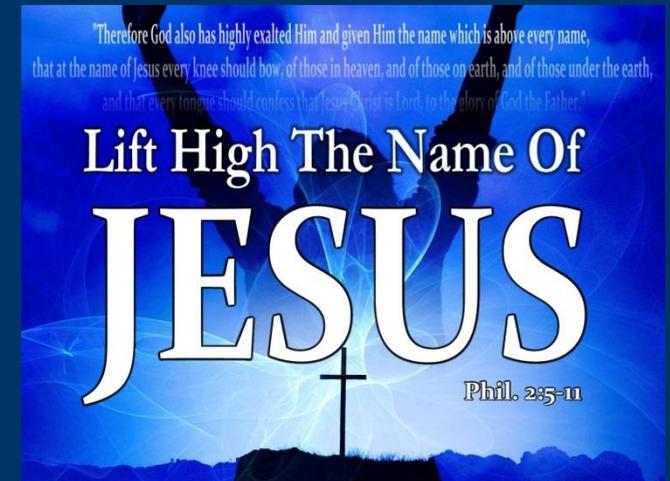
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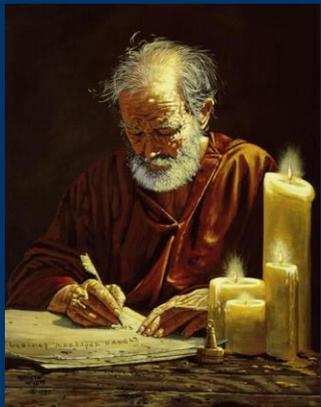
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2) *That person lifts up Christ as Lord.*



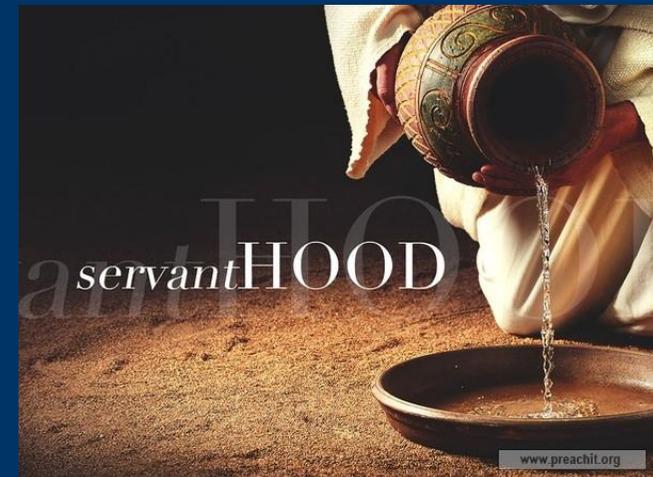
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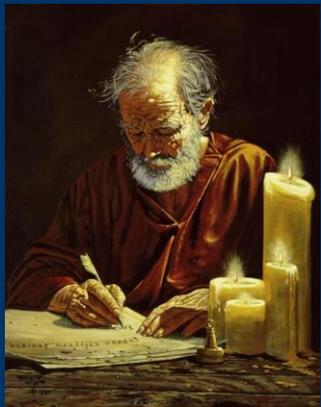
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3) That person is a servant.



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4) That person gives God the glory and points others to Christ.

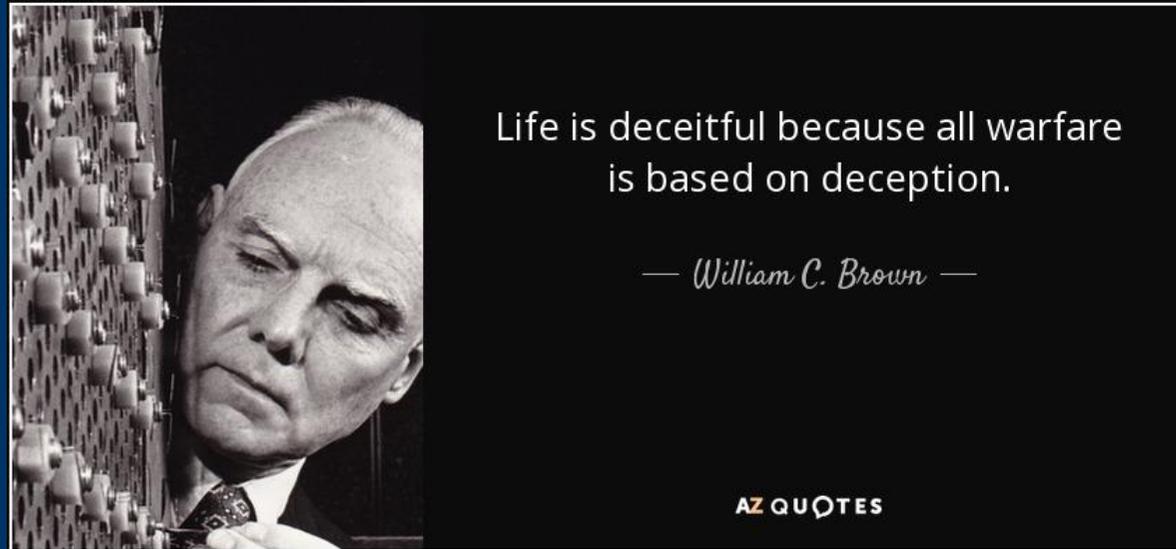


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A) Have you come to terms with deception in your life?



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B) Are you open to the same truth you proclaim?

SPEAK THE TRUTH
EVEN THOUGH IT
BE BITTER
AND LIVE IN TRUTH

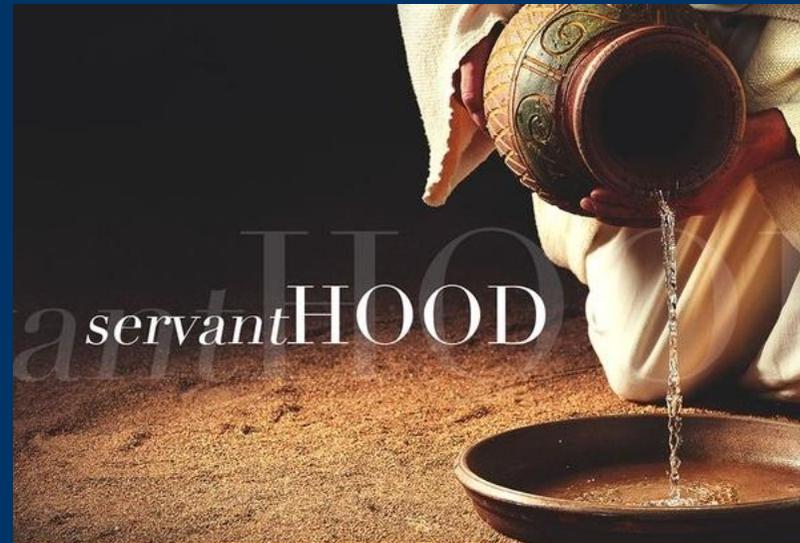


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C) Is servanthood the model you follow?



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D) If you have a chance to promote someone else, do you do it, or do you become jealous?



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E) Does Christ really reign as Lord in your life?





CG DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. If you have a chance to live your life over again, would you live your life differently? What are some areas that you would like to make a difference?*
- 2. What are some common weaknesses in today's church as compared to the First Century churches?*
- 3. What are the three ingredients of an effective ministry?*
- 4. What are the five methodology of ministry? How does its lacking affect the ministry?*
- 5. Name the four authentic model of ministry as exemplified by Paul?*



Scripture References:

2 Corinthians 4