

Motivations for Ministry

2 Corinthians

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Theme of 2 Corinthians: A Defense of the Ministry

- 2 Corinthians 1-7: The Ministry Explained
- 2 Corinthians 8-9: The Ministry of Giving Encouraged
- 2 Corinthians 10-13: The Apostolic Ministry Enforced

1. The Ministry Explained Chapters 1-7

- A. The Suffering of the Ministry 1:1-2:13
- B. The Glory of the Ministry 2:14-7:16
 - 1. *The Ministry is Victorious (2:14-17)*
 - 2. *The Ministry is Transforming (3:1-18)*
 - 3. *The Ministry is Powerful (4:1-18)*
 - 4. *The Ministry is Motivated (5:1-21)*

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a. The Brevity of Life (5:1-9)

1) Brevity of Life Makes Us View Life Properly (5:1)

- a) Paul refers to our present body as a tent (5:1a) (2 Peter 1:13; John 1:14)
- b) Paul refers to our future body as a well built house (5:1b)

2) Brevity of Life Makes Us Desire Our Glorified Body (5:2-5)

- a) We desire likeness to Christ (5:2-4) “We groan” (Romans 8:19-25)
- b) We desire likeness to Christ because of the ministry of the Holy Spirit (5:5)

3) Brevity of Life Makes Us Walk By Faith (5:6-9)

- a) While we are at home in our body we are not home with the Lord (5:6)
- b) While we are at home in our body we fellowship at a distance (5:7-9)