## **COURAGE FOR YOUR MINISTRY:**

## Learning from the Patterns of Paul

(2 Corinthians 4 and 5)

- I. God is in This So Don't Give Up! (2 Corinthians 4: 1-6)

  We have a <u>Great Ministry by God's Mercy</u>; therefore, we do not lose heart
- II. God Will Keep Us Forever So Don't Give Up! (2 Corinthians 4:6-18)

  We have a <u>Victorious Ministry</u>; therefore, we do not lose heart
- III. Our Longings Will Be Met So Keep Looking Up! (2 Corinthians 5:1-8)

  We have a Confident Ministry; therefore, we walk by faith

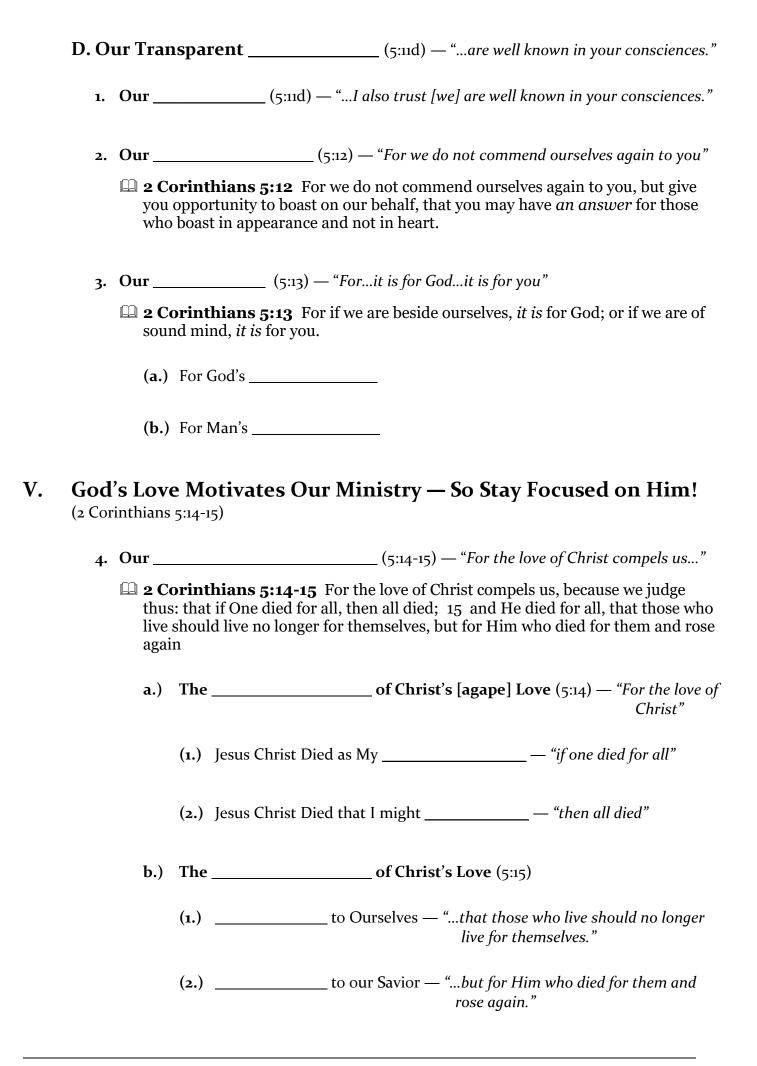
We have a **CONFIDENT** Ministry (1 Corinthians 5:1-9)

- A. Our Future <u>DWELLING PLACE</u> (5:1) We KNOW we will receive a New Body
- B. Our Current LONGING (5:2-4) We LONG to Receive our New Body
- C. Our Present <u>PREPARATION</u> (5:5-8) It is God's Design for us to Know about our Future Body and Long for it
- IV. We Have an Audience of One So Don't Get Distracted! (2 Corinthians 5:10-13)

We have a *COMPELLING* Ministry; therefore, we persuade men **A. Our Chosen** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_(5:9) — "...we make our aim..."

- **2 Corinthians 5:9** Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent to be well pleasing to Him.
- **B. Our Future** \_\_\_\_\_ (5:10) "...for we must all appear..."
  - **2 Corinthians 5:10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad
- **C. Our Present** \_\_\_\_\_\_ (5:11) "...we persuade men..."
- **2 Corinthians 5:11** Knowing, therefore, the terror [fear Proverbs 1:7; 9:10] of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

2 Corinthians 5: 12-15 **1** 



2 Corinthians 5: 12-15 **2**