

Undefeated & Unveiled & Unfading

2 CORINTHIANS 2:12 – 3:18

Ministry Cost (2 Cor. 2:12-17)

- Continued distress (vv.12,13)
- Clarifying images (vv.14 - 17)

Principle: The message of ministry spreads everywhere as we follow Christ, especially in the midst of suffering.

Ministry Credentials (2 Cor. 3:1-6)

- Paul's Questions (2:16b, 3:1)
- Paul's Answers (3:2-6)

Principle: Our competence for ministry is from God, through Christ and for God's purposes, not ours.

Ministry Comparison (2 Cor. 3:6 -18)

- Key Word: glory (vv. 6-11)
- Key Contrasts:

Timing:	Old vs. New (v. 6a)
Type:	Letter vs. Spirit (v.6b)
Results for man:	Death vs. Life (v. 6b)
Means of Delivery:	Stone vs. Spirit (v. 7)
Results for God:	Some Glory vs. Greater Glory (vv. 7, 8, 10)
Purpose:	Condemnation vs. Righteousness (v. 9)
Duration:	Temporary vs. Permanent (v. 11)
- Key Word: veiled (vv. 12-18)

Principle: The goal of ministry is Spirit-transformed lives that, each day, reflect more of God's glory.