

Second Outline

Daniel A. Brown, Ph.D.
The Coastlands
July/August 1989

"There Is More to Ministry Than Meets The Eye":
A Study in II Corinthians

Paul continues to open his heart to the Corinthians, reflecting on the true cost for and exact nature of spiritual ministry:

II Corinthians 2:12-17

"Our spirit can be restless without our life being ragged."

- (1) The leading of the Lord can come in many different ways, and often we must draw spiritual conclusions from all the clues along the way. (See Acts 16:6-10)
- (2) God's idea of the triumphant, victorious life is different than ours.
- (3) True knowledge of God should translate into observable behavior.
- (4) God examines our motives as well as our message.

II Corinthians 3:1-5

"The true measure of ministry is the fruit that remains."

- (1) Our commendation should never rest on what we say of ourselves or on what others say about us.
- (2) What we want to minister to others must first be written in our hearts--- not our minds.
- (3) Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith; what He writes in our life is meant to be read by all.
- (4) What makes us adequate for ministry is not our native intelligence nor our natural talent, but our learned dependence on the Lord.