

Sermon Title: **Paul's Ministry Credentials**

Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 11:1-16

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Sermon Notes:

Interactive Study Notes on the
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Prayer Concerns:

Never Be Embarrassed for Standing for the Truth

1 Peter 4:16-17

James 4:7-10

2 Timothy 4:1-5

Jude

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

In the sermon follow-up study last week, we explored the idea of God having a specific plan and purpose for the lives of every believer. In order to understand God's plan for you, you need an understanding of three things: 1) your spiritual giftedness, 2) your natural talents/abilities, and 3) your ministry passions. On a scale of 1 to 10, how well do you understand these things about yourself?

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It is beyond the scope of this study to come to a full understanding of these things, but we believe it is important to introduce some of these concepts to you. If you scored yourself in the mid-to-low range on the previous question, we would encourage you to consider doing some further study on these topics. (See Pastor Wade for more info!)

Spiritual gifting is the gracious energy of God at work through a believer. A spiritual gift is not something we possess—nor an office that we hold—it is the experience of God's grace and power in a particular situation.

Read the following passages: Romans 12:4-8; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; and Ephesians 4:11-13. These provide us with an array of spiritual gifts, or possible ways that God might work through us. How do these gifts help promote the unity and function of the church?

Read Galatians 5:22-23. How important do you think the fruit of the Spirit is in relation to the functioning of spiritual gifts?

Bible Reading: 2 Corinthians 7:2-8:15

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION FROM 2 CORINTHIANS 7:2-8:15

What was Paul's relationship like on a personal level with the church members in Corinth? Why had he been worried about this relationship? How was he reassured about this relationship?

What is the difference between godly sorrow and worldly sorrow? How can the same emotion in response to the same situation be either worldly or godly?

What is encouragement and why is encouragement important? What is the relationship between the Corinthians' encouragement of Paul and Paul's encouragement of the Corinthians?

Why did Paul raise the example of the churches in Macedonia? How would this example have made you feel if you had been a Corinthian receiving this letter?