

# 2 Corinthians



Power in Weakness

# **POWER IN WEAKNESS**

**You are a minister!**

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

***Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,  
he is a new creation. The old has  
passed away; behold, the new has  
come.***

***2 Corinthians 5:17***

**1. I am a new person in Christ –**

**2 Cor. 5:17**

**Our Spirit is saved, but our soul must  
be renewed day by day**

5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. 7 You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived Colossians 3:5-7

8But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. 9Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices Colossians 3:8-9

*and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Colossians 3:5-10*











***All this is from God, who reconciled  
us to himself through Christ and gave  
us the ministry of reconciliation: 2  
Cor. 5:18***

**2. I am a minister –**

**2 Cor. 5:18**

# MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

Diakonia – service, administration  
ministry of service



***that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 2 Cor. 5:19***



**He committed us to the ministry and  
the message of reconciliation**

**3. I am an ambassador**

***We are therefore Christ's  
ambassadors, as though God were  
making his appeal through us. We  
implore you on Christ's behalf: Be  
reconciled to God. 2 Cor. 5:20***

# Ambassadors –

- Represent their leader to others
- Have his best interests in mind
- Have been given authority and responsibility
- Build strong relationships
- Share the message from your leader

**He doesn't make his enemies come to  
Him – He has sent us to His enemies**

**If you are an ambassador you do  
what He did – you GO!!!**

**As ambassadors – God is making His  
appeal through us for them to be  
reconciled to God**

**4. This ministry is not a  
passive thing**



***We implore you on Christ's behalf, be  
reconciled to God! 2 Corinthians 5:20***

***God made him who had no sin to be sin  
for us, so that in him we might become the  
righteousness of God. 2 Cor. 5:21***

# **Personal growth questions:**

**What sinful patterns in my life need to be killed?**

**How am I ministering to those within my family?**

**What do I do to represent Jesus as  
His ambassador?**

**How can I be more active in leading  
others to be reconciled to God?**