

Are We Sufficient to Serve God?

2 Corinthians 2:16b – 3:6

God's servants:

1. Speak **HIS WORD** out of **PURE MOTIVES**.
2. Are used **BY CHRIST** to **TRANSFORM** lives.
3. Recognized that **GOD EMPOWERS** effective **MINISTRY**.

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Why is it important to make the Word of God an integral part of our lives? What obstacles do you encounter while trying to read and study His word consistently? Share ideas that can help us all in this area.
2. Do you think it's possible to be serving the Lord for the wrong reasons? Have you ever witnessed this, or found yourself going down that path?
3. Read 1 Cor 3:5-15. What would cause one person's work to burn, and another's to survive? What are some criteria Paul mentions in 2 Cor 2:16b-3:6 that might help keep us in check?
4. Read John 3:1-8. What does it mean to be born again? Why must we be? How do we know if we are? Help each other find references to support your answers?
5. What roles does the Holy Spirit play in our lives? Check out John 14:16, 26; Rom 8:9; 1Cor 6:19; 12:13; Eph 1:13-14; Gal 5:22-23 and any others you can think of.
6. Are you sufficient to serve God? What are some ways you are serving God currently? Are there any opportunities to serve the Lord that might require a step of faith in your life? How can we help and pray for you?
7. How do we balance working hard to serve Christ, and relying on God's empowerment? How did Paul balance it? What was his work ethic and attitude toward ministry?

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Strength

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