2 Corinthian Series: “Learning to Lean on God”

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**Introduction:**
A. Some ________ are very pleasant and pleasing, and some are _____.
B. Paul talks about being the ________ of Christ.
C. Paul talks about becoming a ________ that can be _______ by everyone.

I. **The Explanation**
A. In 2 Corinthians 2:14-16, Paul must have had the picture of the __________ __________ in his mind.
B. Behind 2 Corinthians 3:1-3, is the custom of writing ________ of ______________.
C. Paul concluded this section by insisting that he could not take _______ for anything he accomplished—God made him ________ and __________ for the ministry.

II. **The Application**
A. The first lesson has to do with __________ and __________.
   1. Are people smelling the fragrance of ________ in us?
   2. If each of us is a letter from ________, then what does our letter ________?
   3. Let’s commit ourselves to being better ___________ of Jesus Christ.
B. The second lesson has to do with the _________ to be all that God wants us to be.
   1. It is clear that Paul was __________ and __________ with the power of God. (2 Cor. 3:5-6; 3:18; Col. 1:28-29; Phil. 4:13)
   2. We must focus on being ___________ to God (Jn. 15:5)
   3. What God ________, God ________, and God ________.
C. God wants our lives to emit a beautiful ____________ and tell a powerful ____________, and He promises to provide the ________ and ________ we need to do so.