

2 Corinthian Series: "Learning to Lean on God"

"Something to Smell, Something to Read" David Owens

2 Corinthians 2:12-3:6

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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.

Answer Key: Intro. A. smells, not. B. aroma. C. letter, read. I.A. Roman, Triumph. I.B. letters, recommendation. I.C. credit, capable, competent. II.A. smelling, reading. II.A.1. Christ. II.A.2. Christ, say. II.A.3. reflections. II.B. power. II.B.1. living, serving. II.B.2. connected. II.B.3. expects, enables, empowers. II.C. fragrance, story, wisdom, strength.