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Scriptural References and Comment Notes

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PAUL ON MINISTRY

9:30 2 Corinthians 4:1-7 Paul let's us in on his understanding of three things **1.** Ministry, **2.** Ministry Methods, **3.** The message of the Ministry.

10:25 The Ministry 2 Corinthians 4:1 Paul has the ministry by the mercy of God. Teaching.

12:20 Romans 15:15-16 Paul writes to the Roman church in boldness because of the grace God had given him to minister to the Gentiles.

13:25 Ephesians 3:1-2 Paul affirms that he has been given a ministry by God's grace and he takes seriously the stewardship responsibility of that ministry. Reference Ephesians 3:7-8 A minister by God's grace and power. Paul's mood at this writing allows him to see himself as the "least" of all the saints. We all have a stewardship responsibility with regard to God's grace and ministry.

15:30 1 Corinthians 15:9-10 God many times picks his servants from checkered backgrounds. Paul, in one breath, sees himself as unworthy, and then on reflection, swings to the worthy category – finally to be tempered by the clear understanding of the grace accorded him.

18:20 2 Timothy 1:10-11 Paul says he was appointed to illuminate the Gospel message. Reference 2 Timothy 1:9

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Paul was appointed a preacher – one who proclaims and sets forth the truth of the gospel. Reference 1 Corinthians 1:21-23 The world will never come to God through its own wisdom, but as foolish as it seems, through the word proclaimed.

21:50 Romans 10:14-20 Faith comes from hearing the word of Christ. Teaching.

23:20 2 Timothy 1:11 – called to be an apostle (one who is sent out). Teaching on “disciples” (learners), being sent out (apostles). Reference Matthew 28:19 – “go and make disciples in all nations”. Reference Hebrews 3:1 Jesus is “Thee” apostle of our faith.

25:45 2 Timothy 1:11 – called to be a teacher. Teaching.

26:40 2 Chronicles 15:3 For a long time Israel was without the true God, and without a teaching priest and without law.

31:10 The Method of Ministry. 2 Corinthians 4:2a ...”we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God:...”

People can do “Christian” work in ways that are in contradiction to the true gospel. Manipulation to move people is widespread, especially with the distortion of God’s word.

36:00 2 Corinthians 4:2b. ...”but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone’s conscience in the sight of God.” Teaching.

39:15 The Message 2 Corinthians 4:5 ‘For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with

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ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. Teaching on humanism in Christian clothing.

40:15 Philippians 2:9-11 Every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Preaching that is not centered on Jesus as Lord, and man's response to that reality, is not Christian preaching. Some of what tries to pass for Christian preaching is self-help; it maybe encouraging and even inspiring but it is not Christian preaching.

Ministry is not to be a ministry of dominance. Reference Matthew 20:21-28 Teaching on servant-hood.

43:40 2 Corinthians 4:7 We have this treasure in earthen vessels to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

Our ministry is a treasure but we need to keep in mind that we are clay jars and only by God's mercy and grace are we able to continue in his purpose.

2Cor. 4:1 Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. 2 Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. 3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

2Cor. 4:7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

Rom. 15:15 I have written you quite boldly on some points, as if to remind you of them again, because of the grace God gave me 16 to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles with the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

Eph. 3:1 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—

Eph. 3:2 Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you,

Eph. 3:7 I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. 8 Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,

1Cor. 15:9 For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

2Tim. 1:9 who has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, 10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 11 And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher.

1Cor. 1:21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. 22 Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,

Rom. 10:14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Rom. 10:16 But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” 17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ. 18 But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did:

“Their voice has gone out into all the earth,

their words to the ends of the world.”

19 Again I ask: Did Israel not understand? First, Moses says,

“I will make you envious by those who are not a nation;
I will make you angry by a nation that has no understanding.”

20 And Isaiah boldly says,

“I was found by those who did not seek me;
I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me.”

2Tim. 1:11 And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher.

Matt. 28:19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Heb. 3:1 Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess.

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Phil. 2:9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

11 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Matt. 20:21 “What is it you want?” he asked.

She said, “Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom.”

Matt. 20:22 “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said to them. “Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?”

“We can,” they answered.

Matt. 20:23 Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father.”

Matt. 20:24 When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. 25 Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 26 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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