

# WE MUST BE COMMITTED TO MINISTRY

VERSE 1

#### COMMITMENT COMES THROUGH MERCY.

- Mercy means you have been prepared by God (Rom 9:23).
- Mercy means you have been pardoned by God (Titus 3:5).
- Mercy should lead you to praise towards God (Rom 15:9).
- Mercy should lead you to prayer towards God (Heb 4:16).

#### COMMITMENT COMES THROUGH MINISTRY.

- •Ministry is a privilege. the Spirit (3:8); Righteousness (3:9); Reconciliation (5:1)
- •Ministry is a motivation.

Acts 20:24 "None of these things MOVE ME ... except to finish my course with joy and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus."

## WE MUST HAVE THE CHARACTERISTICS FOR MINISTRY

VERSE 2

#### HOW DO YOU HANDLE YOUR WALK WITH GOD?

- Your walk with God in <u>private</u> "Renounce hidden things of dishonesty"
- Your walk with God in public "not walking in craftiness"

#### HOW DO YOU HANDLE THE WORD OF GOD?

- •Avoid diluting God's truth. "Not handling the word of God deceitfully"
- Openly declare God's truth. "by manifestation of the truth"

## WE MUST ADDRESS THE CONFLICT IN **MINISTRY**

VERSE 3-5

### WE MUST ADDRESS THE CONFLICT IN MINISTRY (VS. 3-5).

- •Who is responsible for the conflict? "god of this world"
- •What does he do? "blinds the mind of unbelievers"

#### HOW DOES SATAN ATTACK BELIEVERS?

- 1. He distracts believers from being fully devoted to Christ (2 Cor 11:3).
- 2. He deceives believers with false teaching (2 Cor 11:13,14).
- 3. He tempts believers with sexual sin (1 Cor 7:5).



### WE MUST HAVE RIGHT CONFIDENCE WITH MINISTRY (VS 6).

- Confidence from creation "For God who commanded light to shine our of darkness"
- •Confidence from salvation "has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."