



“Serving Others”

Being a Blessing
II Corinthians 1:15-24

Servants that are:

I. Conscientious – “did I use lightness?” (vs. 15-17)

Conscientious in our:

- A. Desire** – “I was minded to come unto you before”
- B. Deliberation** – “that ye might have a second benefit”
- C. Decisiveness** – “there should be yea yea and nay nay”

II. Consistent - “was not yea and nay, but...was yea” (vs. 18-20)

Consistent like His:

- A. Person** – “as God is true”
- B. Preaching** – “who was preached among you by”
- C. Promises** – “all the promises of God in Him are yea”

III. Confident – “Moreover I call God for a record” (vs. 21-24)

Confidence from being:

- A. Stablished** - “Now He which stablishes us with you in Christ”
- B. Sealed** – “Who has also sealed us, and given the earnest”
- C. Spared** – “that to spare you I came not as yet unto Corinth”

Sentence Sermon

“Serving others is as much about who you are as it is about what you do.”

Additional Verses

- *I Peter 5:3*
- *Luke 22:25-27*
- *II Corinthians 5:5 ; 10:2-6*
- *Romans 5:5*
- *Ephesians 1:13-14*
- *I John 2:20, 27*
- *Matthew 5:16*
- *Galatians 3:16*
- *Romans 1:3*
- *Acts 18:5; 20:1-3*
- *I Corinthians 16:5-7*

Questions to Ponder

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. Why did Paul desire to go and visit with the church at Corinth?
4. What are some good reasons or motivations for serving others?
5. What makes someone appear fickle or lack commitment in servicing?
6. Is Paul swearing in verse 18? If not, what is the difference?
7. What is the lesson for serving God in verses 18 and 19?
8. How would you describe the assurance found in verse 20?
9. Has God anointed all believers? Explain. (I John 2:20)
10. Can you name 5 important ministries of the Holy Spirit?
11. What does it mean to be a helper of someone else’s joy?
12. When is it better to spare someone from your presence?