

Who is Sufficient for These Things? (2 Corinthians 2:14-27)

God is a comforter and their ministry should also bring comfort.

Paul's promise to visit was sincere and motivated by godly wisdom.

Paul's plans to visit thwarted, but he had their best interest at heart.

Open door, but Paul didn't use it because Titus was not there

I. Triumph in Christ (2:14)

Paul troubled, finds Titus not, but thanks God for victory in Christ

Paul, true Christ servant, submits to God's will

Paul praises God amid trials, being led in Christ's triumph.

II. The Fragrance of Christ (2:14b-16)

Spread Christ's knowledge everywhere.

Christians like a sweet aroma.

Mary's oil anointing = fragrant devotion.

Gospel ministry = blessings and hardships.

Holy Spirit necessary for success and Gospel fruitfulness

III. A Ministry of Sincerity and Truth (2:17)

Paul attacked for faithfulness to Gospel

Super apostles used Gospel for their own gain

Paul served Corinthians in sincerity and truth

Hallmark of a true Gospel servant is to serve God first in everything

Paul's ministry was always for God's glory and the sheep's edification.