

## ***“How Ministries Get in Trouble & Become Spiritually Ineffective”***

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2 Corinthians 11:1-15

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### INTRODUCTION

- a weak and anemic church
- the rise of spiritual counterfeits

“The reason for [the rise of alternative spiritualities] is really simple. Ecclesiastical, institutional religion is weaker in the United States and Europe than it’s ever been.” – Richard Smoley

### *1. Be spiritually* \_\_\_\_\_.

- Satan’s tactics
- our fleshly propensities

### *2. Be financially* \_\_\_\_\_.

- Paul’s “rights” as an apostle  
1 Tim. 5:17-18; 1 Cor. 9:3-7

- investing in what, in whom?

“When men do mellow with the sun of prosperity, commonly their souls begin to rot in sin.”  
– Thomas Watson

### *3. Be intellectually* \_\_\_\_\_.

- discipline to discern

“An error is the more dangerous the more truth it contains.”  
– Henri-Frederic Amiel