

***“The High Cost of Ministry”***  
Real Ministry in a Dot.Com World • pt. 25  
2 Corinthians 11:16-33

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INTRODUCTION

“One cannot obtain a Christ-like character for nothing; one cannot do a Christ-like work save at great price.”  
– Howard Taylor

*1. The expensive price-tag for ministry*

- Paul’s answer to the boasting of the false teachers
- why Paul bragged about his weaknesses  
Acts 9:15-16
- catalog of 23 desperate experiences for the gospel

*2. The reason for the expensive price-tag*

- “pressure of concern”  
Acts 24:12  
1 Cor. 11:1

- growing our level of concern for others...

a. cherish the \_\_\_\_\_.

b. cherish the \_\_\_\_\_.

“We must not imagine ourselves commissioned to make Christ acceptable to big business, the press, the world of sports, or modern education. We are not diplomats but prophets, and our message is not a compromise, but an ultimatum.”  
– A.W. Tozer

c. cherish the \_\_\_\_\_.

2 Cor. 5:14  
Rev. 21:4

“In the gospel, we discover we are far worse off than we thought, and far more loved than we ever dreamed.”  
– Steven Curtis Chapman and Scotty Smith