

The gospel under attack #5

Gospel ministry “on the nose”

2 Corinthians 2:12 - 3:6

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1. “Super apostles” ancient and modern

peddling the word of God for profit

“success” oriented - suffering has no place

networking with letters of recommendation

2. Genuine Apostles 2:14-17 -

led in God’s victory procession 2:14

spreading the fragrance of the knowledge of Christ 2:14

the aroma of Christ to God 2:15-16

the smell of death to the perishing

the fragrance of life to those being saved

“ .. the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”

1 Corinthians 1:18.

speaking before God with sincerity - sent from God 2:17

3. Who is equal to such a task? 3:1-6

Questions of commendation / competence / confidence

God’s people

God’s appointment as new covenant ministers

God’s Spirit gives life