

DO NOT LOSE HEART

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Three protections against discouragement in the Gospel . . .

I. KNOW THE _____. (2 Corinthians 4:1-2)

A. Our task is a plain, pure _____ of the truth.

2 Corinthians 4:1-2 — Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the Word of God. On the contrary by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

Titus 3:5; 2 Corinthians 2:17; 1 Corinthians 2:22; 1 Corinthians 1:22-24

B. Our task is to make a presentation of the truth which God _____.

II. KNOW THE _____. (2 Corinthians 4:3-4)

A. The Gospel is _____ (hidden) to the lost.

B. The problem is not in the _____ or the messenger.

2 Corinthians 4:3 — And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.

C. The problem is with the _____.

2 Corinthians 4:4 — The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (see parable of the sower, Mark 4:14-20)

III. KNOW THE _____. (2 Corinthians 4:5-6)

A. We _____ the centrality of Jesus Christ as Lord.

2 Corinthians 4:5 — For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

B. We _____ the centrality of Jesus Christ as Lord.

2 Corinthians 4:6 — For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.