

A Sweet Savor 102 – More Keys to the Serving Life

Course Description:

The book of Second Corinthians can be read as the apostle Paul's autobiography. In this letter he reveals both his attitude and the secrets he learned in serving the Lord. The key to his serving life is that he became a "savor" (or aroma) that attracted and affected others. He said, "For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing." (2 Corinthians 2:15).

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Time: Wednesdays 9:00 – 10:00 PM EST

Class Size: No limit

Goal: To help students learn to serve by studying Paul's teaching and experience.

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Text: The Bible (2 Corinthians and other related verses)

Syllabus:

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Chapter 4

- We do not preach ourselves
- We preach Christ Jesus as Lord
- Become a bondservant of many for Jesus' sake
- God commands the light to shine out of darkness
- The light of the knowledge of the glory of God
- In the face of Jesus Christ
- We have this treasure in earthen vessels
- Manifest the excellence of the power of God
- Turn to the will of God
- Hard pressed on every side, but not crushed
- Perplexed, but not in despair
- Persecuted, but not forsaken
- Struck down, but not destroyed
- Always bearing in the body the dying of Jesus
- The Life of Jesus manifested in our body
- Death works in us; life works in you
- Speak in the spirit of faith
- All things are for your sake
- Raised up with the Lord Jesus & presented with you
- Giving thanks to abound to the glory of God
- The center of faith – transformation

- The lightness of affliction producing an eternal weight of glory
- Look at things not seen

Chapter 5

- Our earthly house being torn down
- A building from God – eternal, heavenly
- Mortality swallowed up by life
- The Spirit as a pledge
- Walk by faith, not by sight
- Make our aim to be well pleasing to the Lord
- Absent from the body and present with the Lord
- Manifest before the judgment seat of Christ
- Two kinds of well known
- The crown of life
- Two kinds of boasting
- Being beside ourselves or of a sober mind
- Constrained by the love of Christ
- Live toward the risen Lord
- Live for the church
- Know no one according to the flesh
- A new creation
- Being made new
- All things are of God
- The ministry of reconciliation
- Ambassadors for Christ

- Become the righteousness of God in Him