

ARE WE COMFORTABLE?

OPEN HEART | LIVING IN CHRIST WITH NOTHING TO HIDE
2 CORINTHIANS 2:14-3:6

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ARE YOU IN MINISTRY?

WHAT IS MINISTRY?

"Ministry" is from the Greek word diakoneo, meaning "to serve" or douleuo, meaning "to serve as a slave." In the New Testament, ministry is seen as service to God and to other people in His name.

WHO IS A MINISTER?

Any person who desires to serve God by "proclaiming the gospel so that others might become sanctified by the Holy Spirit" is a Christian minister. Broadly speaking, being a servant of Christ makes one a Christian minister.

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AN ARRESTING METAPHOR FOR MINISTRY

- **In our passage we are captives, incense, and a message to the world.**
 - Our ministry is a surrender the triumph of Christ
 - Our ministry is our lives going out as a fragrance
 - Our ministry is a message of life and death! This is radical, and has radical implications!
 1. **Our lives are to bring God glory**
 2. **Our lives are being conducted under God's eye**

MINISTRY CHANGES LIVES

- **Paul changed the Corinthian's lives through his ministry of the gospel to them.**
 - They were a letter for everyone to read! His letter of recommendation!
 - Who is our letter of recommendation?
 - The "letter" of our changed lives comes from Christ Jesus.
 - The writer of the "letter" of our lives is The Holy Spirit. It is a letter about life!