



MISSION: OWN

Part 4: 2 Corinthians 12:11-21

SERMON QUESTIONS:

1. Pray
2. Read 2 Corinthians 12:11-21
3. What are some examples you have seen in your life of “knock-off” products or cheap imitation products designed to fool you into thinking they were actually the real thing? How can you tell the difference between the “real deal” and the imposter?
4. Paul says that he “gladly will spend and be spent” for the souls of the Corinthians. This is a reminder that the true pastoral heart knows that ministry will cost them something. As C.T. Studd said, “If Jesus Christ be God, and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him.” What are some of the “costs” associated with the ministry you are “owning” today (financial, time, etc.)? If you cannot think of any “cost” today for the ministry you are “owning” perhaps the Lord would want you to take a step deeper into service to others? What might that deeper step for you be?
5. Paul’s concern was for the Corinthians, not for his own ego. He wanted to see THEIR faith built up, not his own reputation. In the ministry you are owning, is this your primary concern as well?
6. What are examples of the kinds of things you have seen create disunity in the church? How might God use you to promote unity in your church this week?
7. Undealt with sin (like rampant and blatant sexual sin) that is tolerated by a congregation ultimately hurts the testimony and spiritual growth of a church. Is there any sin you need to repent of today and turn to Christ, living His way in the power of the Holy Spirit?
8. What is one particular application you took away from this message?