

Lesson 5
Ministers of the New Covenant
2 Corinthians 3:1-6

I. A Question of Introduction (3:1-3)

A. The need for letters of recommendation (3:1)

- Paul questions whether he needs _____ to present them.

B. Their testimony (3:2-3)

1. Of Paul's work (3:2)

- Paul points out that they are _____.

Question: How is your life a testimony of the work of someone else (pastor, parent, etc.)?

2. Of Christ's work (3:3)

- Paul points out that they are also the testimony of _____.

II. Ministers of the New Covenant (3:4-6)

A. Paul's trust (3:4)

- Paul's confidence was based on the fact that it is _____.

B. Paul's insufficiency (3:5a)

- Paul recognized that in and of himself that he was _____.

Question: Why is it important for us to recognize that we lack the resources and wisdom needed for the task that God has assigned us?

C. The sufficiency of God (3:5b)

- Paul recognized that only God could _____.

Scripture Reading: John 15:5

Question: How does knowing that Christ is sufficient help you to accomplish what God is asking you to do?

D. Equipped to be ministers (3:6)

1. Competent to be ministers (3:6a)

- God is the one who _____ us to be ministers.

2. The basis of the ministry (3:6b)

- We have been made ministers of _____.

3. The nature of true ministry (3:6c)

- It is a ministry of God's grace through _____, not _____.