

Understanding the Pain of Pastoral Ministry

2 Corinthians 1:23-2:4

Paul demonstrated his _____ in spite of the accusations being leveled against him.

Taking an _____ before God is only for _____ occasions.

2 Corinthians 1:23; Galatians 1:20; Romans 1:9

It was not _____ but _____ that caused Paul to cancel his trip to Corinth.

2 Corinthians 1:23

He had already _____ the Corinthian believers.

1 Corinthians 5:1-5, 12-13

He is ready to _____ when he _____ in person.

2 Corinthians 13:2

Strong leadership is different than _____ or _____ leadership.

Godly ministers seek to bring _____ to those whom they minister.

2 Corinthians 1:24

The goal of every godly pastor is that those he ministers to will _____ in the faith.

2 Corinthians 1:24

Paul trusted that God would use the letter(s) he had written to bring _____ leading to _____.

Paul chose the written letter over a _____ visit.

2 Corinthians 2:1

He had written at least one, but probably two letters calling the Corinthian _____ to _____.

2 Corinthians 2:3, 4

A godly minister must _____ whether painful personal confrontation is actually _____ for all.

2 Corinthians 2:1; Colossians 4:6

When ministers must confront and cause pain, those they pain often _____ to be a _____ to the pastor.

2 Corinthians 2:2; Hebrews 13:17

Paul realized that the pain his letter caused would _____ in time as the believers _____ and their pain was turned to _____.

2 Corinthians 2:3; 7:8-9

Paul truly wanted to receive joy from the joy of repentant believers who _____ his painful ministry of _____ to them.

2 Corinthians 2:3

Godly ministers are _____ to cause pain.

The very thought of causing pain produces _____ and _____ in the heart of the godly minister.

2 Corinthians 2:4

The unfortunate reality of ministry is this: too often, professing believers respond in _____ and _____, not seeing the heartache their sin has caused to their pastor.

2 Corinthians 2:4; 1 John 2:19

The _____ for confrontation is not to cause pain, but a demonstration of _____ for the erring brother or sister.

2 Corinthians 2:4; Hebrews 12:5-6

The motivation for _____ or _____ personal confrontation must be the showing of God's _____ toward undeserving sinners.

2 Peter 3:2-9