

TRUTH DEFENDED & TRUTH REFLECTED

2 Corinthians 1:15-2:17

DEFENDING INTEGRITY

1:15-24

- Paul's reliability and integrity reflected God's faithfulness.
- Through the Holy Spirit, God sets apart His followers, marks us as His own, and guarantees He will complete His transforming work in us.

Live with such integrity that others see God's character _____ in yours.

RESTORING RELATIONSHIPS

2:1-13

- Even in their strained relationship, Paul emphasized his deep connection to and genuine care for the Corinthians.
- Paul's call to forgive and restore a repentant leader reflected God's merciful forgiveness through Jesus.
- Forgiveness is a holy choice that prevents Satan from destroying the love and unity that should characterize every relationship between Christians.

Forgive and _____ those who are repentant.

LIVING FRAGRANTLY

2:14-17

- Every gospel-transformed life gives off a distinctive fragrance that reflects the Savior.
- Our influence comes not from our own efforts but from God working through us.

Think, speak and make decisions with deep _____ on God.

Isaiah 25:1

Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago. NIV

Colossians 3:12-14

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

2 Corinthians 3:4-5

Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God...

1 Corinthians 1:4-9

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.