

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for January 10, 2010

No Quitting!
2 Corinthians 4:1-2

What things, according to 2 Corinthians 4:1-18, did Paul endure while boldly proclaiming and defending the message of the new covenant that manifested his no-quit attitude?

The first thing that Paul endured that manifested his no-quit attitude was rejection (2 Corinthians 4:1-6).

When Paul referred to “this ministry” that they had received, he was referring to the ministry of the new covenant that he had been speaking about throughout 2 Corinthians 3.

Paul made it very clear that this ministry that they had received was not received because they deserved it, but rather they had received it as an act of God’s mercy (1 Timothy 1:12-13).

Because Paul believed that he, by an act of God’s mercy, had received a ministry of such great splendor, it prevented him from thinking that he had the option of quitting.

True servants of the new covenant will renounce the things hidden because of shame.

True ministers of the new covenant will renounce craftiness.

True ministers of the gospel will renounce the adulteration of the Word of God and will therefore speak the truth of God’s Word plainly and forthrightly.

Knowing that God has mercifully given us the ministry of the new covenant, may He also give us the grace to carry out that ministry in a Christ-honoring way no matter what happens.