PAUL ON AUTHENTIC MINISTRY

2 Corinthians 4

Paul's Ministry Method *So Paul stayed (in Corinth) for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God. Acts 18:11*

…nor we are not like many (mostly, largely), peddling the word of God, 2 Corinthians 2:17

Peddle: kapeelos - to be a retailer, to peddle (Thayer's)

Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. Matthew 24:11

*And **we**, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being **transformed (metamorphoo)** into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:18*

The Authentic Ministry/Minister:
And so, since God in his mercy has given us this wonderful ministry, we never give up. 2 Corinthians 4:1 (NLT)
1. Recognizes ministry is _____

2. Doesn't _____ when discouraged (v.2)
But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. 2 Corinthians 4:2 (KJV)

***3.* Is never _____ (v.2)**

4. Is _____ free (v.2)
Craftiness: panourgia - trickery (KJV), cunning craftiness (Strong's)

5. Doesn't _____ or _____ down the word for the audience
Distort: adulterating - doloo - "to corrupt" especially by mingling the truths of the Word of God with false doctrines or notions (Vine's)

6. Remains _____
Conscience: suneidesis - moral consciousness

7. Understands it's a _____ (vv.3-4)
But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ 2 Corinthians 11:3

We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of *the evil one. 1 John 5:19*

What is blinded? _____ (vv.3-4)
Tells us: Not won by a _____
I pray that the eyes of your heart (Understanding-KJV) may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, Ephesians 1:18

8. Leaves no room for _____ (v.5)

God made us the way we are so that we can do the work He wants us to do (v.7)
He has no stately form or majesty that we should look upon Him, nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him. Isaiah 53:2

9. Is revealed more by _____ than _____ (vv.8-12)

10. Chooses to _____ God in _____ (v.13)

What did Paul the Authentic Minister believe and speak?
God would have the _____ (v.14)
God would use his difficulty to _____ (v.15)
Trials are _____ him (vv.16-17)
In his current difficulty Paul focused on _____ (v.18)