



“Our Ministry Toolbox”

*From Agony to Alacrity
II Corinthians 1:1-7*

Ministry is the result of a:

I. Privilege – “Grace be to you and peace” (vs. 1-2)

We minister because of the:

A. **C**_____ – “Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God”

B. **C**_____ – “and Timothy our brother”

C. **C**_____ – “unto the church of God which is at Corinth”

II. Preparation - “that we may be able to comfort” (vs. 3-5)

We are given the:

A. **S**_____ – “the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort”

B. **Su**_____ – “to comfort them which are in any trouble”

C. **Sup**_____ – “as the sufferings...so our consolation also abounds”

III. Process – “let him be Anathema Maranatha” (vs. 6-7)

We are ministers to:

A. **C**_____ - “the enduring of the same suffering”

B. **Co**_____ – “ye are partakers...of the consolation”

C. **Con**_____ – “enduring the same suffering we also suffer”

Sentence Sermon

*“God does not comfort us to make us comfortable,
but rather to equip us to comfort others.”*

Additional Verses

- *Isaiah 40:1*
- *Psalms 71:21*
- *Romans 5:3; 8:29*
- *Acts 9:15; 16:1-3*
- *Philippians 2:19-22*
- *Romans 8:38-39*
- *John 14:27*
- *II Corinthians 7:6; 12:9*
- *Philippians 2:1*
- *II Corinthians 11:23-26, 28-29*
- *Colossians 1:24*

Trouble mentioned in II Corinthians:

- *II Corinthians 2:4; 4:8, 17; 6:4; 7:4, 5; 8:2, 13*

Questions to Ponder

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. Why do you think Paul repeats his calling “by the will of God?”
4. Why are the saints in Achaia addressed as well as the church at Corinth?
5. Why do you think the Father and Jesus Christ are named in verse 2&3?
6. How does God comfort us when we are in any trouble?
7. What difficult situations do people go through that need comforting?
8. What are some difficult circumstances in which God has comforted you?
9. What perspective is Paul describing in verse 6?
10. How does the truth of verse 6 help Christians as they encounter trouble?
11. What is Paul’s hope for the Christians in the church in Corinth in v. 7?