

High Point Bible Study
May 20, 2015
“Second Rule of Leadership: Expect to be Inspected”
2 Corinthians 4:2-4

I. Things We Renounce *“Instead we have renounced. . .”*

A. Degradation *“shameful secret things”*

B. Deceit *“not walking in deceit”*

C. Distortion *“distorting God’s message”*

1. We distort God’s Word when **we doubt it.** (Gen. 3:1) *“Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the wild animals that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You can’t eat from any tree in the garden?’”*
2. We distort God’s Word when **we fail to apply it.** (James 4:17) *“So it is a sin for the person who knows to do what is good and doesn’t do it.”*
3. We distort God’s Word when **we use a double standard.** (Gal. 5:13) *“For you were called to be free, brothers; only don’t use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but serve one another through love.”*
4. We distort God’s Word when **we falsely use it to justify sin.** (Rom. 6:1; 2 Peter 2:1-10) *“What should we say then? Should we continue in sin so that grace may multiply?” 6:1*

II. Things We Retain

A. Accessibility *“commending ourselves to every person’s conscience”*

B. Availability *“by an open display of the truth”*

C. Accountability *“in God’s sight”*

III. Things We Reveal *“But if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing” (3)*

IV. Things We Realize “*In their case, the god of this age has blinded. . .*” (4)

2Co 4:2-4 Instead, we have renounced shameful secret things, not walking in deceit or distorting God's message, but commending ourselves to every person's conscience in God's sight by an open display of the truth. (3) But if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. (4) In their case, the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers so they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

2Pe 2:1-10 But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, and will bring swift destruction on themselves. (2) Many will follow their unrestrained ways, and the way of truth will be blasphemed because of them. (3) They will exploit you in their greed with deceptive words. Their condemnation, *pronounced* long ago, is not idle, and their destruction does not sleep. (4) For if God didn't spare the angels who sinned but threw them down into Tartarus and delivered them to be kept in chains of darkness until judgment; (5) and *if* He didn't spare the ancient world, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others, when He brought a flood on the world of the ungodly; (6) and *if* He reduced the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes and condemned them to ruin, making them an example to those who were going to be ungodly; (7) and *if* He rescued righteous Lot, distressed by the unrestrained behavior of the immoral (8) (for as he lived among them, that righteous man tormented himself day by day with the lawless deeds he saw and heard)-- (9) *then* the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment, (10) especially those who follow the polluting desires of the flesh and despise authority. Bold, arrogant people! They do not tremble when they blaspheme the glorious ones;

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