

**The Fragrance of Faithful Service:**  
*How to Smell Good for the Lord (2 Cor. 2:14-5:10)*

**Introduction**

The imagery of smell represents a life of \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord (2:14-16).

Paul answers the question, “Who is \_\_\_\_\_?” in the chapters to follow (2:16).

**Principle #1: Trust that God will \_\_\_\_\_ you to fulfill your calling (3:1-18).**

\_\_\_\_\_ for service comes from God (3:4-6).

\_\_\_\_\_ in service comes through successful experience (3:1-4).

**Principle #2: Devote yourself to the truth of the \_\_\_\_\_ (4:1-6).**

Devotion to the gospel entails \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (4:1-2).

Not everyone will \_\_\_\_\_ our witness (4:3ff).

We should not be self-centered, but \_\_\_\_\_ (4:5).

**Principle #3: Look past present \_\_\_\_\_ to see God’s glory (4:7-18).**

Suffering for Christ can bring \_\_\_\_\_ to others (4:8-12).

We need daily renewal to focus on the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (4:16-18).

**Principle #4: \_\_\_\_\_ your future with God (5:1-10).**

The Spirit’s presence in our lives assures us of a future \_\_\_\_\_ (5:1, 5).

We are \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord, so we seek to please him in this life (5:9-10).

“If Jesus is taken to be a dead Jew and nothing more the message about him will be rejected, and those who reject it will become as dead as they suppose Jesus to be. If however he is recognized as ‘Christ Jesus—who died, or rather was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who actually is interceding on our behalf’ (Rom. viii.34), he becomes the source of life.”—C. K. Barrett