



SERMON NOTES & QUOTES

What kind of smell does your life have?

"In an era in which spiritual leaders are being turned into celebrities and humility is viewed as an undesirable trait, 2 Corinthians may be more important than ever. Perhaps more than any other NT document, 2 Corinthians calls the church to repent of making super Apostles out of Jars of Clay, eschewing suffering, depending on mere Human Resources, veiling the glory of God, and depreciating divine grace. As C.K. Barrett noted, "writing to Corinthians must have come near to Breaking Paul, and a church that is prepared to read it with him and understand it may find itself broken too"

- Kostenberger, Kellum, & Quarles

Smell that Carries (vv.12-14)

When you spread the aroma of Christ, it shows up in real, tangible ways:

- Your speech smells different.
- Your integrity smells different.
- Your ethics smell different.
- Your courage smells different.
- Your compassion smells different.

Question to Consider:

Am I carrying the aroma of Christ consistently, or does my witness change depending on where I am and who I'm with?

Smell that Confronts (vv. 15-16)

Question to Consider:

Have I softened or hidden the truth of the gospel to avoid making others—or myself—uncomfortable?

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Smell that Corrupts (v. 17)

Question to Consider

Am I being careful about the voices I allow to shape my faith?

Prayer Targets

Pray for Consistent Witnesses

- Ask God to help His people carry the aroma of Christ consistently, no matter where they are or who they're with.

Pray for Courageous Faithfulness

- Pray that we would not water down the gospel to avoid conflict, but proclaim the truth in love.

Pray for Discernment

- Ask God to give wisdom to our people to recognize false teachers and reject the "peddlers" of God's Word.

Pray for Purity and Sincerity in Leadership

- Pray that our church leaders would speak with sincerity, humility, and in the sight of God.

APRIL MEMORY VERSE

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen."

Hebrews 11:1