

### 5 -THE TRIUMPHANT PROCESSION (2 CORINTHIANS 2:12-17)

#### I. Paul's Concern for Titus (2 Corinthians 2:12-13)

##### A. Paul's Trip to Troas (2 Corinthians 2:12a)

- Paul came to Troas to preach the gospel.

##### B. The Opportunity in Troas (2 Corinthians 2:12b)

- Paul was responding to an opportunity that the Lord had opened for him.

##### C. Paul's Decision to Leave Troas (2 Corinthians 2:13)

###### 1. Paul's Restless Spirit

- As he ministered in Troas, Paul was restless in his spirit.

###### 2. The Reason for His Restless Spirit

- Paul was troubled concerning the current status of Titus.

###### 3. Paul's Departure

- Paul decided to leave for Macedonia.

#### II. Paul's Triumph in Christ (2 Corinthians 2:14-17)

##### A. Triumphant Procession in Christ (2 Corinthians 2:14a)

- Paul thanked God for always leading them in triumph.

##### B. The Fragrance of the Gospel (2 Corinthians 2:14b)

- Paul describes the gospel as the fragrant smell of incense.
- Paul states that this fragrant smell of the gospel is dispersed through our lives.

##### C. The Fragrance of Our Lives (2 Corinthians 2:15-17)

###### 1. To God (2 Corinthians 2:15a)

- Paul states that his life was a fragrance to God.

###### 2. To Others (2 Corinthians 2:15b)

- Paul states that his life was also a fragrance among the saved and lost.

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### 3. The Nature of Our Impact (2 Corinthians 2:16a-b)

#### a. The Aroma of Death (2 Corinthians 2:16a)

- To those who reject the gospel, it is the sentence of death.

#### b. The Aroma of Life (2 Corinthians 2:16b)

- To those who respond to the gospel, it is eternal life.

### 4. Sufficiency for the Task (2 Corinthians 2:16c-17)

#### a. The Question Concerning the Task (2 Corinthians 2:16c)

- Paul raises the question as to who is up to this significant task.

#### b. Paul's Example (2 Corinthians 2:17)

##### (1) Not for Personal Gain

- Paul stated that he was not ministering for personal gain.
- Paul points out that there are some who are ministering for personal gain.

##### (2) Out of Sincerity

- Paul was ministering out of complete sincerity.

##### (3) In the Presence of God

- Paul spoke with an awareness of God's watchful presence.