



The Kind of Life The Lord Works Through

2 Corinthians 4:1-7
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The Big Idea: When so many promote self, **manipulate** others, and **twist** God's Word to fit their own beliefs, the Lord calls us to lives of **integrity** and faithfulness to His Word. Satan blinds unbelievers to being able to see Jesus. Only through God's work can you become a **new** person in Christ.

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4 Therefore, having this ministry *by the mercy of God*, we do not lose heart. ² But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³ And even if our *gospel is veiled*, it is *veiled to those who are perishing*. ⁴ In their case *the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers*, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For **God**, who said, "*Let light shine out of darkness*," *has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ*.

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What Kind of People Does the Lord Use for His Purposes?

1. Those Who Are Genuinely **Humble**.
2. Those Who Love, Believe, and Faithfully Teach His **Word**.
3. Those Who Live Without **Deception**.
4. Those Who Proclaim Christ and Pray for Him to Remove the **Blindness** Satan Has Caused
5. Those Who Believe the God of **Creation** is Also the God of **Re-Creation**.

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