

## WHAT DOES AUTHENTIC MINISTRY LOOK LIKE? Part 1

### A Look at Paul's Testimony: Colossians 1:24-25

- I. **AUTHENTIC MINISTRY HAS GOD'S MEN MINISTERING:** Paul was a suffering servant of Christ on behalf of the Church and good steward of His Word (24-25a)
  - A. **GOD'S MINISTERS UNDERSTAND CHRIST MADE THEM MINISTERS:** Paul understood he became a servant by the gift of God's grace (24b, 25a, Eph. 3)
  
  - B. **GOD'S MINISTERS SERVE THE BODY OF CHRIST:** Paul understood he was serving Christ by serving His Body (24-25)
  
  - C. **GOD'S MINISTERS SEE THE SUFFERING FOR CHRIST SERVING BRINGS RIGHTLY AND REJOICE:** Paul rejoiced in his suffering for serving Christ (24)
  
  - D. **GOD'S MINISTERS UNDERSTAND THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO FULLY PREACH THE WORD:** Paul understood he had been given a stewardship of God's grace for the Church to fully proclaim the Word of God (25)

*In the next few weeks:*

- II. **AUTHENTIC MINISTRY PREACHES GOD'S MESSAGE:** Christ proclaimed from the Word of God (25b-27)
  
- III. **AUTHENTIC MINISTRY USES GOD'S METHOD:** Christ proclaimed, by His power, to present every man complete in Christ (28-29)