

Letters of Commendation – 2 Corinthians 3:1-5

I. Commending Ourselves (v. 1)

1. Paul asked (rhetorically), “Do we need letters of _____ from you or to you?”
2. “Do not speak with a _____.” (Psalm 75:5)
3. In telling the parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector, Jesus spoke to those who trusted in themselves that they were _____, and _____ others. (Luke 18:9-14)
 - a. The Pharisee prayed, “God, I thank You that I am not like _____.”
 - b. The tax collector prayed, “God, be merciful to me a _____.”
 - c. Everyone who _____ himself will be _____, and he who _____ himself will be _____.”
4. If we do our charitable works to be seen by others, what do we presently have? (Matthew 6:1-2) Our _____ A _____.

II. You Are Our Letter... (v. 2-3)

5. “You are our epistle (letter) written in our hearts, _____ and _____ by all men.”
6. The old saying goes, “I’d rather _____ a sermon than _____ one.”
7. Elders and members alike must have a good _____ among those who are outside the church. (1Timothy 3:7)
8. We are to walk in _____ toward those who are outside the church. (Colossians 4:5)
9. For what reason do we let our light shine? (Matthew 5:16) _____

III. Not of Ourselves (Verses 4-5)

10. Christians are not self-sufficient of themselves, but our sufficiency is from _____.
11. “With men it is _____, but not with God; for with God _____ things are _____.” (Mark 10:27)
12. Christians are not to think of themselves more _____ than they ought to think, but to think _____, as God has dealt to each one a measure of _____. (Romans 12:3)

We all want to hear this commendation, “Come, you _____ of My Father, inherit the _____ prepared for you from the foundation of the world: (Matthew 25:34)