

## Sufficiency

Ponder: Are you enough?

Scripture: “And who is sufficient for these things?” (2 Cor. 2:16b, NKJV).

Sufficient means enough. If you have sufficient food, you have enough. Maybe you’d like to have more, but what you have is enough.

Paul and his fellow-workers in the gospel recognized their heavy responsibility. “For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life” (2 Cor. 2:15-16a).

Souls hung in the balance! Some would appreciate the good news and respond with trusting obedience. The gospel would appeal to them like a pleasant scent appeals to our noses. Others would react with hostile rejection. To them, the truth would be like the stench of death, and their disobedience would result in eternal death. Paul and his team shouldered the responsibility of faithfully proclaiming Christ’s word regardless of how people responded to it. No wonder he rhetorically asked, “Who is sufficient for these things?”

Fortunately, Paul didn’t have to be sufficient. “Not that we are sufficient of ourselves . . . but our sufficiency is from God, who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant” (2 Cor. 3:5-6a).

Do you feel inadequate to serve God, like you just aren’t enough? Join the crowd! Please know that, like Paul, you don’t have to be sufficient of yourself. Your sufficiency is from God. You’re enough because He says so, and “it is God who works in you, both to will and to do, for His good pleasure” (Phil. 2:13).

You’ll be amazed at what God will do through you when you stop looking inward and start looking upward.

Hymn: “It is no secret what God can do”

Prayer: Mighty Father, we thank you for making us sufficient. Help us to stop thinking about our own inadequacies and focus instead on Jesus. We pray in His name, Amen.