

Paul: A Minister of the Gospel
Colossians 1:23 – 2:3
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As Paul continues to assure the Colossian believers of their personal reconciliation through Christ, the subject turns from persevering faith in the gospel to Paul himself as a *minister* of the gospel. In this reflection on his own ministry, there emerge *three distinguishing marks* of a true minister of the gospel.

1. A true minister suffers joyfully (1:24).
2. A true minister serves confidently (1:25-28).
3. A true minister labors diligently (1:29-2:3)