

Appeal Two: Restir Affection for the Minister of God

Galatians 04: 12-20

<p>1 <i>Treat the minister of God as a brother</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Identify with allb. Hold no grievances	<p>12 I plead with you, brothers, become like me, for I became like you. You have done me no wrong.</p>
<p>2 <i>Welcome true ministers of God</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. In their witnessb. In their illness, sicknessc. In empathy and identificationd. In the truth they proclaim	<p>13 As you know, it was because of an illness that I first preached the gospel to you.</p> <p>14 Even though my illness was a trial to you, you did not treat me with contempt or scorn. Instead, you welcomed me as if I were an angel of God, as if I were Christ Jesus himself.</p>
<p>3 <i>Guard against and reject false ministers</i></p>	<p>15 What has happened to all your joy? I can testify that, if you could have done so, you would have torn out your eyes and given them to me.</p>
<p>4 <i>Receive true ministers always</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. They seek after believers for goodb. They hold to believers as <i>dear children</i>c. They agonize over the believer's growthd. They watch over error	<p>16 Have I now become your enemy by telling you the truth?</p> <p>17 Those people are zealous to win you over, but for no good. What they want is to alienate you from us, so that you may be zealous for them.</p> <p>18 It is fine to be zealous, provided the purpose is good, and to be so always and not just when I am with you.</p> <p>19 My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you,</p> <p>20 How I wish I could be with you now and change my tone, because I am perplexed about you!</p>