

**HOW TO LAST IN MINISTRY AND LIFE**  
*Ordination Message & Charge for Tim Bredamus*  
– II Corinthians 4:1-18 –

1. I must remember that \_\_\_\_\_ me.

*Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. (vs. 1)*

2. I must \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_.

*But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. (vs. 7)*

3. I must \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_.

*All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. (vs. 15)*

4. I must \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.

*Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. (vs. 16)*

5. I must keep \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.

*For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. (vss. 17-18)*

**Application Questions. . .**

1. What especially spoke to you in this passage?
2. In doing good, what motivates you: Call of duty? Fear of judgment? Gratitude for what God has done? Other?
3. How has God worked in and through you during a time of weakness or in spite of limitation?
4. If you were to rate yourself on the "love meter" from 1 (shallow) to 10 (deep), how have you been doing at showing love to others lately?
5. What is the difference between the hope of a Christian and wishful thinking?
6. How does this chapter challenge common ideas of "success"?
7. Which of these five principles represents the biggest challenge for you? Which do you need to apply the most?