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* What ingredient makes an effective minister of the gospel?

* Why does Paul begin this section of his epistle with these words?

B. The glorious message of the gospel caused Paul to assume the _____ of a servant. (1:24)

* An eternally focused servant of Jesus Christ will have an attitude that is willing to _____ for the proclamation of the gospel.

* An eternally focused servant of Jesus Christ will not only suffer for the gospel’s sake but will _____ in the suffering associated with it.

* An eternally focused servant of Jesus Christ will have the _____ of partaking in Christ’s sufferings (Phil 3:10)

* An eternally focused servant of Jesus Christ should _____
suffering (1 Pet 4:12-13)

* An eternally focused servant of Jesus Christ serves _____

* An eternally focused servant of Jesus Christ serves _____

* An eternally focused servant of Christ will recognize that _____ is
always for God's purpose and glory

* Paul specifically was _____ to suffer for the _____

* "What is lacking" means

* What does it mean to be a "partaker of the afflictions of Christ"?

* What should this mean to You?