

“When Accusations Fly”
Real Ministry in a Dot.Com World • part 2
2 Corinthians 1:12-2:4

INTRODUCTION

- the power of the tongue
“Many have fallen by the edge of the sword; but no so many as have fallen by the tongue.” – Ecclesiasticus 28:18

“Many things are opened by mistake, but none so frequently as the mouth.”
– The Farm Journal

Jms. 3:5-10; Prov. 13:3

- the calling to ministry
MINISTRY = taking the _____ by the _____
to accomplish the _____ through me to others.

1. Paul’s conduct (1:12-14)

- accused of fleshly conduct physically

- accused of fleshly conduct literarily

2. Paul’s intentions (1:15-22)

- accused of making phony promises

- misunderstanding an *intention*
1 Cor. 16:7; Jms. 4:13-15; Prov. 16:9

3. Paul’s attitude (1:23-2:4)

- accused of being bossy, heavy-handed, controlling

- Paul’s role as a helper, a loving parent
1 Thess. 2:7-12

CONCLUSION

- when unleashed tongues are aimed in your direction...
 1. declare _____.
 2. speak with an _____.

- when tempted to unleash your tongue...
 1. avoid _____.
Rom. 12:19
 2. purpose to _____.