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Pursuing Authenticity - 2 Corinthians 13:1-14

Whose image? Image is one thing, purity is another

Integrity vs Duplicity

Paul is challenged by dissenters, their desire to receive benefit and following from the Corinthians means they must undermine Paul and his teaching. Knock Him down to raise themselves up.

**1 Peter 1:3-9**

You want proof: You demean my weakness but God will be strong through us.

**John 14:23-27 If you love me you will obey me**

Is God doing anything in and through you? **John 15:5-6** I am the vine you are the branches

God wants your restoration as do I but I don't want to be harsh  
Since I am working for God and not myself I don't have to  
manage or manipulate truth

Strive for full communal restoration: the result, community of God in our midst.

**Gal 5:22-23** transformed hope, transformed attitude, transformed behaviors

God is not random but measured. He plans and prepares.

Prepared:

God has prepared a work for us to do

John prepared hearts for wisdom when Jesus comes to teach

God has prepared inheritance/place: a prepared banquet or a prepared destruction

Be prepared in season and out of season to give an answer for the reason of your hope

**1 Cor 2:8-10** No eye has seen or ear heard the things God has prepared

Fear keeps us from stepping out.