

# An Eternal Perspective as a Remedy for Ministry Discouragement

Second Corinthians 4:16–5:5



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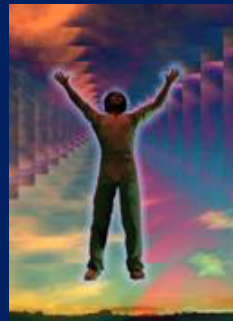
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## Differences Between the Earthly and Heavenly Bodies (1 Cor. 15:42-44)

<b>EARTHLY BODY</b>	<b>HEAVENLY BODY</b>
■ Perishable	■ Imperishable
■ Lowly	■ Honorable
■ Weak	■ Powerful
■ Natural	■ Spiritual



# Adam vs. Christ (1 Cor. 15:45-49)

## CURRENT BODY

- Physical
- Earthly body proceeding from Adam

## FUTURE BODY

- Spiritual
- Heavenly body proceeding from Christ



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