

2 Corinthians Chapter 6

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Points in 2 Corinthians Chapter 6

1. The conduct of Paul's ministry (vs.1-10)
2. Paul's desire for the saints at Corinth to return their love to him (vs. 11-13)
3. To separate from evil (vs. 14-18)

1. What was Paul encouraging the saints at Corinth to do?

2 Corinthians 6:1-2

1 And **working together with Him**, we also **urge you not to receive the grace of God in vain**— 2 for He says, "AT THE ACCEPTABLE TIME I LISTENED TO YOU, AND ON THE DAY OF SALVATION I HELPED YOU." Behold, now is "THE ACCEPTABLE TIME," behold, now is "THE DAY OF SALVATION"—

Through the Messiah:

Paul (as an ambassador of Christ) working together with God in spreading the Gospel

- A. God will hear us through our prayers
- B. God will show grace and mercy to all
- C. God is willing to pardon us
- D. God is willing to save us

1. **Do not receive the grace of God in vain**

1. What was Paul encouraging the saints at Corinth to do?

Isaiah 49:8

⁸ Thus says the LORD, "In a favorable time I have answered You, And in a day of salvation I have helped You; And I will keep You and give You for a covenant of the people, To restore the land, to make *them* inherit the desolate heritages;

2. Why was Paul so careful not to give offense in anything?

2 Corinthians 6:3

³ giving no cause for offense in anything, so
that the ministry will not be discredited,

A. Avoid anything that would bring disgrace on Christ or cause someone to find fault with the truth and purity of the gospel.

B. That the church's efforts to reach the lost not be hindered.

2. Why was Paul so careful not to give offense in anything?

1 John 2:16

¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

Paul struggled with the following:

To avoid all temptation

To conquer all trials

To keep from giving any offense

To see to it that the ministry was never blamed because of a weakness or failure on his part

To keep from being a stumbling block to anyone

3. List some of the physical sufferings, which commended Paul as a minister of God.

2 Corinthians 6:4-5

4 but in everything commending ourselves as servants of God,
in much endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses,

5 in beatings, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in
sleeplessness, in hunger,

Servants of God

In beatings

In much endurance

In imprisonments

In afflictions

In tumults

In hardships

In labors

In distresses

In sleeplessness

In hunger

3. List some of the physical sufferings, which commended Paul as a minister of God.

1. Paul endured "afflictions"
2. Paul endured "hardships"
3. Paul endured "distresses"

Romans 8:18

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

- A. Paul's faith never wavered
- B. His hope never changed
- C. His joy never decreased

3. List some of the physical sufferings, which commended Paul as a minister of God.

Romans 8:29-30

²⁹ For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become conformed to the image of His Son*, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

³⁰ and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

3. List some of the physical sufferings, which commended Paul as a minister of God.

Colossians 3:4

⁴ When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

Hebrews 2:10

¹⁰ For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings.

4. List those areas where Paul demonstrated his integrity as a minister of God.

2 Corinthians 6:6-8

⁶ in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in genuine love,
⁷ in the word of truth, in the power of God;
by the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left,
⁸ by glory and dishonor, by evil report and good report, regarded as deceivers and yet true;

4. List those areas where Paul demonstrated his integrity as a minister of God.

In purity	Paul conduct is with integrity, sanctity, a holy and pure life
In knowledge	The study and understanding of God's revelation and Word
In patience	Long-suffering, forbearing, persevere and endure
In kindness	Goodness and benevolence of heart and behavior
In the Holy Spirit	In the presence, power, and gifts of the Spirit
In genuine love	Sincere, real, pure, unlimited, selfless, and sacrificial
In the word of truth	The Gospel received from God is His plan for salvation proclaimed to all men
In the power of God	Signs and wonders demonstrated God was with Paul as he shared the Gospel with others

4. List those areas where Paul demonstrated his integrity as a minister of God.

Weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left

Paul was equipped to defend the Gospel against false teachers

By glory and dishonor

Respected and sometimes despised

By evil report and good report

Paul was criticized, censored and had rumors spread by those who opposed him, but others loved and understood and stood by the good he was doing

Regarded as deceivers and yet true

Paul was considered as an imposter and false teacher. He endured and continued right on preaching the truth and doing all he could to help and reach people for Christ

5. List the contrasting experiences Paul had as a minister of God.

2 Corinthians 6:9-10

9 as unknown yet well-known, as dying yet behold, we live; as punished yet not put to death, 10 as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich, as having nothing yet possessing all things.

1. As unknown

2. As dying

3. As punished

4. As sorrowful

5. As poor

6. As having nothing

1. Yet well-known

2. We live

3. Not put to death

4. Always rejoicing

5. Making many rich

6. Possessing all things

Paul's Ministry

1. Paul did not want to be a stumbling block to anyone and cause the ministry to be discredited (v.3).
2. Paul was a servant of God with much endurance (v.4).
3. Paul encountered physical sufferings (v.4-5).
4. Paul preached with integrity (v.6-7).
5. Paul disregarded worldly comments (v.8).
6. Paul suffered criticism and faced persecution (v.9).
7. Paul was happy and content in his service to the Lord (v.10).

6. How does Paul describe his affection toward the Corinthians?

2 Corinthians 6:11

¹¹ Our mouth has spoken freely to you, O Corinthians, **our heart is opened wide.**

There is room in our hearts for you

7. How did Paul present the truth to the Corinthians?

2 Corinthians 6:11

¹¹ Our mouth has spoken freely to you, O Corinthians, our heart is opened wide.

1. Our mouth has spoken freely to you
(friendly)

2. Paul spoke honestly about God. He was
candid and truthful about God's Word

8. What did the Corinthians hold back from Paul?

2 Corinthians 6:12-13

¹² You are not restrained by us, but **you are restrained in your own affections.**

¹³ Now in a like exchange—I speak as to children—open wide *to us* also.

They did not share their love toward Paul

9. What charge does Paul give concerning our relation to those in the world?

2 Corinthians 6:14

¹⁴ **Do not be bound together with unbelievers**; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?

Do not be bound together with unbelievers

9. What charge does Paul give concerning our relation to those in the world?

Leviticus 19:19

19 'You are to keep My statutes. You shall not breed together two kinds of your cattle; you shall not sow your field with two kinds of seed, nor wear a garment upon you of two kinds of material mixed together.

Deuteronomy 22:10

10 "You shall not plow with an ox and a donkey together.

10. How does Paul contrast the relationship between good and evil?

2 Corinthians 6:14-16

¹⁴ **Do not be bound together with unbelievers**; for what **partnership have righteousness and lawlessness**, or what **fellowship has light with darkness**?

¹⁵ Or **what harmony has Christ with Belial**, or **what has a believer in common with an unbeliever**?

¹⁶ Or **what agreement has the temple of God with idols**? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I WILL DWELL IN THEM AND WALK AMONG THEM; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE."

10. How does Paul contrast the relationship between good and evil?

Exodus 29:45

⁴⁵ "I will dwell among the sons of Israel and will be their God.

Ezekiel 37:27

²⁷ "My dwelling place also will be with them; and I will be their God, and they will be My people.

Jeremiah 31:1 "At that time," declares the LORD, "I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be My people

10. How does Paul contrast the relationship between good and evil?

RELATIONSHIP

CONTRAST

Partnership

Righteous and lawlessness

Fellowship

Light with darkness

Harmony

Christ with Belial; what is common- believer/unbeliever

Agreement

Temple of God with idols

11A. What is necessary in order to receive the promise of having God as our Father who dwells among us?

2 Corinthians 6:17-18

- 17 "Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the Lord.
"AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN"; And **I will welcome you.**
- 18 "And **I will be a father to you,** And **you shall be sons and daughters to Me,**" Says the Lord Almighty.

A. "AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN"

B. What will be the result?

1. God will welcome you
2. God will be our Father
3. We will be sons and daughters to God

11A. What is necessary in order to receive the promise of having God as our Father who dwells among us?

2 Samuel 7:14 "I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men,

1 Chronicles 17:13 "I will be his father and he shall be My son; and I will not take My lovingkindness away from him, as I took it from him who was before you.

Isaiah 52:11-12

11 Depart, depart, go out from there, Touch nothing unclean; Go out of the midst of her, purify yourselves, You who carry the vessels of the LORD.

12 But you will not go out in haste, Nor will you go as fugitives; For the LORD will go before you, And the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

Hosea 1:10 Yet the number of the sons of Israel Will be like the sand of the sea, Which cannot be measured or numbered; And in the place Where it is said to them, "You are not My people," It will be said to them, "You are the sons of the living God."