

Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians

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Outline of 2 Corinthians

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2 Corinthians 6: Outlined

- **6:3-10** – Paul's blameless ministry
- **6:11-13** – Paul's enlarged heart
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Paul's Persecution Passages

2 Cor. 4:8-10

⁸ *we are* pressed on every side, yet not straitened; perplexed, yet not unto despair; ⁹ pursued, yet not forsaken; smitten down, yet not destroyed; ¹⁰ always bearing about in the body the dying of Jesus, that the life also of Jesus may be manifested in our body.

2 Cor. 6:4-10

⁴ but in everything commending ourselves, as ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, ⁵ in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in watchings, in fastings; ⁶ in pureness, in knowledge, in longsuffering, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in love unfeigned, ⁷ in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, ⁸ by glory and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; ⁹ as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

2 Cor. 11:23-28

²³ Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as one beside himself) I more; in labors more abundantly, in prisons more abundantly, in stripes above measure, in deaths oft. ²⁴ Of the Jews five times received I forty *stripes* save one. ²⁵ Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day have I been in the deep; ²⁶ *in* journeyings often, *in* perils of rivers, *in* perils of robbers, *in* perils from *my* countrymen, *in* perils from the Gentiles, *in* perils in the city, *in* perils in the wilderness, *in* perils in the sea, *in* perils among false brethren; ²⁷ *in* labor and travail, *in* watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. ²⁸ Besides those things that are without, there is that which presseth upon me daily, anxiety for all the churches.

Paul's Negative Experiences

1. **afflictions** – troubles, tribulations, oppressions (2 Cor. 11:26)
2. **necessities** – strong demands, pressures, or hardships (2 Cor. 11:27)

Paul's Negative Experiences

3. **distresses** –frustrating, difficult and pressing situations (2 Cor. 11:28)
4. **stripes** – beatings (2 Cor. 11:23-25)
5. **imprisonments** – falsely accused and put in prison (Acts 16:19-24)

Paul's Negative Experiences

6. **tumults** – riots (Acts 13:50; 14:5, 19; 16:19; 17:5, 13; 18:12; 19:29-32)
7. **labors** – intense work (Acts 18:3; 20:33)
8. **watchings** – sleepless work or guarding due to anxiety or fear (Acts 20:19)

Paul's Negative Experiences

9. **Fastings** – (in)voluntary foregoing of food and drink (2 Cor. 11:27)

Paul's Positive Attitudes

1. **patience** – steadfast endurance
2. **pureness** – blameless, moral integrity
3. **knowledge** – proper understanding and application of God's revealed truth
4. **longsuffering** – forbearance, controlled

Paul's Positive Attitudes

5. **Kindness** – tender-hearted and loving actions toward others
6. **the Holy Spirit** – led by the Spirit; bearing the fruit of the Spirit (alt. Paul's spirit)
7. **love unfeigned** – genuine & sincere love

Paul's Positive Attitudes

8. **in the word of truth** – truthful in speech, following God's message at all times
9. **the power of God** – power from God (miracles), not from his own wisdom (1 Cor. 2:1-5)

Paul's Positive Attitudes

10. **the armor of righteousness** – right living that is used as a weapon to attack sinfulness on all sides (2 Cor. 10:3-5)

Paul's Paradoxes

1. **glory** (from God) – **dishonor** (from man)
2. **evil report** (from opponents) – **good report** (from brethren)
3. **deceivers** (falsely accused) – **true** (in fact)

Paul's Paradoxes

4. **unknown** (in the world) – **well known** (by brethren)
5. **dying** (exposed to death) – **live** (providentially cared for)
6. **chastened** (persecuted) – **not killed** (delivered by God)

Paul's Paradoxes

7. **sorrowful** (over brethren) – **rejoicing** (in Christ)
8. **poor** (materially) – **rich** (spiritually)
9. **nothing** (in the world) – **all things** (blessings in Christ)

The Folly of Procrastination (6:2)

- Because the Bible says “today” (now), not tomorrow
- Because your response becomes more difficult with delay
- Because you may not live until tomorrow

The Folly of Procrastination (6:2)

- Because you may be rendered incapable of obedience later
- Because you may never be this close to obeying again
- Because you may lose all desire to obey

The Folly of Procrastination (6:2)

- Because Christ may come before you have an another opportunity to obey
- Because one day, the day of opportunity will be over
- Because those around you may be influenced negatively by your sin / delay

The Folly of Procrastination (6:2)

- Because you will continue to perpetuate a sin that you may not be able to undo later
- Because time is short