

12 – THE MARKS OF MINISTRY (2 CORINTHIANS 6:3-10)

I. His Defense of Ministry (2 Corinthians 6:3-4a)

A. Avoidance of Wrong Behavior (2 Corinthians 6:3)

1. His Current Actions (2 Corinthians 6:3a)

- Paul purposely avoided actions that might bring offense.

2. The Purpose of His Actions (2 Corinthians 6:3b)

- He avoided these actions so that no one would discredit his ministry.

B. The Purpose of Their Actions (2 Corinthians 6:4a)

- Paul wanted every area of his life to reflect that he was a minister of God.

II. Endurance in Ministry (2 Corinthians 6:4b-7a)

A. The Areas of Endurance (2 Corinthians 6:4b-5)

- Paul reflected his ministry in all manner of hardship and persecution.

B. The Source of Endurance (2 Corinthians 6:6-7a)

- He endured because of the resources that are available through spiritual disciplines.

III. Persistence in Ministry (2 Corinthians 6:7b-8a)

A. The Source of Persistence (2 Corinthians 6:7b)

- Paul was able to persist because of Christ's righteousness in his life.
- That righteousness enabled Paul to advance and defend.
- A Roman soldier used his right hand to attack and he used his left hand to defend.

B. The Areas of Persistence (2 Corinthians 6:8a)

- Paul was able to persist in spite of being honored or dishonored by others.
- Paul was able to persist whether a good report or bad report was given concerning him.

IV. Appearance of Ministry (2 Corinthians 6:8b-10)

A. The Accusations Against Paul (2 Corinthians 6:8b)

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- Paul was being accused of being a deceiver.
- Paul stressed that in spite of this accusation, he is truthful.

B. The Status of Paul (2 Corinthians 6:9-10)

- As Paul endured terrible circumstances, he was able to keep a focus on God.