

II Corinthians Series

Chapter 6

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Key verse- v. 3 & 4a *“Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed: But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, ...”*

Theme- The God of great Examination

In what way should God’s examination affect us?

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God never calls a soldier or servant to a field of work only to leave them there to fend for themselves. As it is stated in verse 1- *"We then, as workers together with Him..."*

- John 15: 1- 5 *"...cannot bear fruit of itself" & "...without me, ye can do nothing"*
 - **Work is expected-** He assigns the work and equips the worker v. 16
 - **Fruit is mandatory-** He expects & examines the results v. 16
 - **Purging is necessary-** He is constantly improving and building v. 8

Because He is a constant partner, instantly providing the **HELP** (v. 2) , that **HELP** should always be profitable.

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GRACE= God's **HELP**,
when we **need** it,
to **accomplish** His will

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God's **GRACE** can be given in vain:

- God provides in a financial pinch, then you fail to use the money for HIS intended purpose *James 4: 3*
- God makes a way out of a tight spot, and you fail to acknowledge that HE worked it out
- God provides you with some wisdom, or strength, or skill, or insight, and you fail to give HIM the glory for it, or **you quit**
- God gives an open door to witness of HIS resurrection power, and you fail to take advantage of the situation
- God provides some blessing, and you fail to acknowledge or thank HIM for what HE has done
- We profane the great gifts HE has given us, by disregarding their value *Heb 12: 16*

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We should protect the ministry with the **HELP** God gives us **v. 3- 13**

God gives us a great ministry (chap 5: 18- 20), and expects us to use HIS **HELP** in every situation to keep offences from causing blame to HIS ministry. *Heb 12: 15*

God's **HELP** is sufficient in any of these situations:

- In much patience
- In afflictions
- In necessities
- In distresses
- In stripes (beatings)
- In imprisonments
- In tumults (riots)
- in labours
- In watchings
- In fastings

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We should protect the ministry with the **HELP God gives us** *v. 3- 13*

God's **HELP** is sufficient for any of these WEAPONS:

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| - By pureness | -By the armour of righteousness |
| - By knowledge | -on the right hand |
| - By longsuffering | -on the left hand |
| - By kindness | -By honour |
| - By the Holy Ghost | -By dishonour |
| - By love unfeigned | -By evil report |
| - By the Word of Truth | -By good report |
| - By the power of God | |

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We should protect the ministry with the **HELP God gives us v. 3- 13**

God's **HELP** is sufficient for any of these predicaments:

- As deceivers, yet true
- As unknown, yet well known
- As dying & behold we live
- As chastened, & not killed
- As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing
- As poor, yet making many rich
- As having nothing, yet possessing all things

This is how you are approved

O ye Corinthians, GROW UP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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We should allow God's **HELP to keep us separate from unbelievers who would keep us from serving HIM v. 14-18**

To that end, God implies that this is our choice. HE sees it as an expression of our love for HIM. That we recognize how special it is to walk with HIM. If you take that step to sanctify yourself, HE will receive you and be a Father to you.

John 12: 26→ II Tim 2: 11- 14

God does put us in situations where we have to choose.

God does not take this lightly, but does examine this.

He understands when we pay the cost.