

Paul's Hardships - 2 Corinthians 6:3-13

Topics: Affections, Ministry, Patience, Persecution, Perseverance, Serving, Witnessing

Open It

1. What do you consider to be distinctive about members of your family?
- * 2. What images does the word "hardships" bring to mind?

Explore It

3. What is the connection between the credibility of Christianity and the people who call themselves Christians? (6:3)
4. Whose authority did Paul claim? (6:4)
5. What does this passage say about Paul's attitude toward the ministry of sharing the gospel? (6:4)
6. What does this passage say about the cost of being Christ's disciple? (6:4-10)
- * 7. What price did Paul pay for following Christ? (6:4-10)
- * 8. What kind of weapons did Paul use? (6:7)
9. How did the accusations against Paul differ from the reality Paul experienced as an ambassador for Christ? (6:9-10)
- * 10. In what way was Paul poor yet rich? (6:10)
11. To what lengths did Paul go to show his love for the Corinthians? (6:11-13)

Get It

12. How do you think Paul was able to keep an attitude of sincere love for people when so many opposed him?
13. What do you think caused the Corinthians to withhold their full loyalty from Paul?
14. What can we learn from Paul's relationship with the Corinthians that can help us deal with friends who frustrate us?
15. How can you guard against causing other Christians to stumble in their faith?
- * 16. When have you ever suffered for the sake of the gospel?
17. How does God use hardships to strengthen our relationship with Him?
18. What can you learn from Paul's example that will help you endure suffering for the sake of the gospel?
- * 19. How can you rely on the spiritual weapons of the Holy Spirit more in your everyday life?
20. How do Paul's words put a new perspective on wealth and poverty?

Apply It

21. Of the virtues purity, understanding, patience, and kindness, which do you want to ask God to help you practice this week?
- * 22. What can you do this week to help another Christian persevere through hard times?