

LESSON 6 - 2 Corinthians 6



DAY 1 2 Corinthians 6:1-2

DAY 2 2 Corinthians 6:3-10

DAY 3 2 Corinthians 6:11-13

DAY 4 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

DAY 5 2 Corinthians 6 Review

Day 1 *Begin your study with time in prayer. Ask God to show you His truth*

Step 1 Look in God's Word- Read the passage given below from your bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and write it out in the space below.

2 Corinthians 6: 1-2

Step 2 Learn the Lesson- What does the verse mean?

Step 3 Listen to His Voice - What does the verse mean to me?

Step 4 Cross Thoughts- Record cross reference verse(s) or other verses that came to mind.

Step 5 Live in Response- How will I respond and what will I do differently?

Theme: _____

Digging Deeper

Commentary: As we learned last week, we are ambassadors for Christ, and Paul pleaded with the Corinthians, and us, to be reconciled to God (2 Corinthians 5:20). Due to that reconciliation, we now have a new relationship with God and a true purpose for living. Our heart becomes a servant's heart and we work together with God. 1 Corinthians 3:9 says "For we are God's fellow workers..." the Amplified Bible magnifies the verse this way:

"For we are fellow workmen (joint promoters, laborers together) **with and for God.**"

Don't receive the grace of God in vain, my friend. God's grace should be making a difference in your heart and your life should shine bright with the love of Jesus for this dark world to see.

1. Are you laboring abundantly to grow in your faith as Paul did (1 Corinthians 15:10) or have you simply received His grace and done nothing with it?

2. As we work together with God, what is our purpose? What should we be proclaiming to the world?

3. In verse 2, God reminds us of what two truths?
 - a. From what book of the Old Testament is Paul quoting?

4. Read Isaiah 49:1-8 and journal your thoughts along with a prayer of gratitude

Day 2 Pray for our church, Pastors and their wives

Step 1 Look in God's Word- Read the passage given below from your bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and write it out in the space below.

2 Corinthians 6: 3-10

Step 2 Learn the Lesson- What does the verse mean?

Step 3 Listen to His Voice - What does the verse mean to me?

Step 4 Cross Thoughts- Record cross reference verse(s) or other verses that came to mind.

Step 5 Live in Response- How will I respond and what will I do differently?

Theme: _____

Digging Deeper

Commentary: Paul confidently states that He always considered his actions and how they might affect or reflect the ministry of the gospel. He did not ever want the ministry or Jesus to be viewed in a negative light. The conduct of an ambassador in the world's definition is to serve as the official representative of his or her own country. It is no different for the Christian, we are to serve as official representatives for Heaven- our real home 'country'.

Paul was careful to give no offense to anyone. Giving no offense means we are to live in such a way that no one can point to us and say "because of your poor example, because of your hypocrisy, I don't want anything to do with your faith or your God." Be an example, as Paul was, so others will look at you and say, "Wow, you really have something special. I want and need what you have."

1. Summarize what Romans 14:13 and 1 John 2:9-10 teaches you?

Paul's qualifications as a minister for God did not come from a seminary or from studying a bunch of theological books. No, his commendation came from life, from the experiences he had while living out his faith.

2. List some of the trials and difficulties Paul experienced. (v4-5)

3. How was Paul able to get through the persecution and trials? 'by'... (v6-7)
 - a. How do you obtain or grow in those things? Give practical examples.

Regardless of what people thought of him Paul's attitude is something we all need to mimic. It did not matter to Paul whether he was honored or dishonored, whether people spoke evil or good of him; he didn't care that some saw him as a deceiver, or that he was not well known to people. (v8-10) Jesus made all the difference in Paul's world. It is only through Jesus and God's Holy Spirit that we can sorrow yet rejoice, be financially poor yet make others rich in spiritual things which are eternal. We can be physically dying, yet know we live eternally, and we may have little to no material goods and yet we know we really possess all things. The things that really matter most are a relationship with God, a Savior and friend in Jesus Christ and eternity in heaven.

Day 3 Pray for our Nation, State and City Officials

Step 1 Look in God's Word- Read the passage given below from your bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and write it out in the space below.

2 Corinthians 6:11-13

Step 2 Learn the Lesson- What does the verse mean?

Step 3 Listen to His Voice - What does the verse mean to me?

Step 4 Cross Thoughts- Record cross reference verse(s) or other verses that came to mind.

Step 5 Live in Response- How will I respond and what will I do differently?

Theme: _____

Digging Deeper

Commentary: Paul's heart for the ministry was not only open but intense and passionate. Nelson's New Illustrated Bible Commentary¹³ states that on only two other occasions did Paul address his readers specifically (Galatians 3:1 and Philippians 4:15). When he did this, as he did in verse 11 ('O Corinthians!') he was expressing strong emotion. He had been open and honest with the Christians in Corinth, but they had not received it well. He had written some harsh words to them in his first letter, but it was necessary. They were in sin and, as any loving spiritual father would, he rebuked and corrected them. Some probably accepted his rebuke and grew in the Lord, some obviously held it against him.

1. How did Paul communicate with the Corinthians?
2. What problem did some of the Corinthian believers have?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 4:14-15 Summarize what Paul is saying.
4. What was he asking the believers to do?
 - a. Is it easy to be so 'open'? why or why not and what can we do to be more lovingly honest with our sisters in Christ?

Day 4 Pray for Missionaries

Step 1 Look in God's Word- Read the passage given below from your bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and write it out in the space below.

2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

Step 2 Learn the Lesson- What does the verse mean?

Step 3 Listen to His Voice - What does the verse mean to me?

Step 4 Cross Thoughts- Record cross reference verse(s) or other verses that came to mind.

Step 5 Live in Response- How will I respond and what will I do differently?

Theme: _____

Digging Deeper

Commentary: Jesus told us in Matthew 28 to go to all peoples and preach the gospel, we are to be in the world but NOT of, it. Our worldview is to be one that matches God's view of the world. Therefore we are called to be separate from the ungodly activities we see around us.

We serve a living God, not like the idols that many people served and still serve today. God is a personal God, a Spirit who communicates with us, Who cares for our every need and comes to our help in times of need. He doesn't sit motionlessly on a shelf, no, He says He dwells **in** us, He walks **among** us. Oh how amazing it is to have a God who is and wants to be a very active part of your life.

1. Read verse 14 carefully and explain what Paul means about being 'unequally 'yoked'.
 - a. Do a little research and explain what a 'yoke' is and why it was used.

2. Fill in the key words from this verse

For what _____ has _____ with lawlessness? And what
 _____ has _____ with darkness?

3. Using a Bible dictionary, or Strong's Lexicon (see page 174) define the word Belial

4. What are you? According to verses 16, how does this translate in your life? In other words how should you be living?

Day 5 Pray for your Bible teacher and small group

Step 1 Look in God's Word- Read the passage given below from your bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and complete the S.O.A.P method for your study today.

Read chapter of 2 Corinthians 6***Digging Deeper***

We are approaching today's lesson using the S.O.A.P method. "S.O.A.P. stands for Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer. It's a great way to delve more deeply into your Bible reading, and record your thoughts, emotions and observations when studying Scripture. S.O.A.P. is meant to be a journal you create with your regular Bible reading, but it can also be an effective tool to help you connect with particular passages."

Scripture: What verse from the entire chapter stood out for you today?

Observation: What did you notice today that you had not seen before?

Application: What do you have to do or change to apply what you learned today?

Pray: Write a prayer of repentance, praise, thanksgiving...whatever the Spirit is leading you to do.