

2 Corinthians Series: "Learning to Lean on God"

"Real Servants of God"

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2 Corinthians 6:3-13

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Introduction:

- A. Unfortunately, throughout time there have always been many _____ and _____ followers of Jesus.
- B. The apostle Paul was the _____.
- C. Let's aspire to be _____ of God.

I. Understanding the Word

- A. Paul pointed their attention, and ours, to a triumphant word that characterized his service to God - _____.
- B. The first grouping points to the _____ conflicts of the Christian life.
- C. The second grouping points to the _____ tribulations he endured.
- D. The third grouping of Paul's trials involves his _____ to _____ as a Christian.
- E. In verses 6 and 7, Paul turned their attention away from trials toward his God-given _____ for Christian service.
- F. Paul completed this lyrical passage with a series of _____.
- G. Keep in mind that the ultimate goal of Paul's appeal for them to open their hearts to him is not the desire for renewed feelings toward him as a _____, but a renewed _____ in the gospel the he preached and embodies.

II. Applying the Word

- A. First, We should be ready and willing to _____ any _____ to be real servants of God.
- B. Second, We should be depending on the _____ and _____ of God to give us the endurance needed.
- C. Third, We should be motivated by the fact that others are _____ us and that our _____ of being real servants of God can have a huge impact on others.
- D. Inspired by the story of _____.

Answer Key: Intro. A. fake, false. B. real, deal. C real, servants. I.A. endurance. I.B. internal. I.C. external. I.D. effort, serve. I.E. equipment. I.F. contrasts. I.G. person, faith. II.A. pay, price. II.B. presence, power. II.C. watching, example. II.D. Patty, Wilson.