

## SACRIFICIAL SERVANTHOOD

2 Corinthians 6:1-7:16

### PARTNERING WITH GOD

6:1-2

God was not partnering with Paul. Paul was partnering with God.

Just as an ambassador works closely with his king, Paul aligned his plans with the plans of the King of kings.

The work Paul did for the gospel was powered by the grace of God.

*Seek your heavenly Partner each day to \_\_\_\_\_ Him on His outreach to the lost.*

### PROVING OUR FAITHFULNESS

6:3-10

Paul endured great physical suffering.

Paul exhibited the inner and outer fruit of the Spirit.

Paul maintained a spiritual perspective each day.

*Keep your heart focused on God's \_\_\_\_\_ and power to serve Him well.*

### SEPARATING FROM WORLDLY AFFECTIONS

6:14-7:1

Paul warned the church about the influence of the false apostles and idol worshipers.

We make dangerous connections when we value the temporary over the eternal.

*Choose \_\_\_\_\_ to partner with those who will compromise your partnership with God.*

### MAINTAINING SPIRITUAL AFFECTIONS

6:11-13, 7:2-16

Paul felt like a father whose children were withholding the love he deserved.

The church's initial grief over Paul's words led to repentance and a renewed love for Paul.

*Prioritize the \_\_\_\_\_ God's children must have for each other.*

Philippians 2:13

...for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

1 Corinthians 15:10

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

Galatians 6:17

From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

2 Corinthians 12:8-10

Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Galatians 5:24-25

And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.