

2 Corinthians 11:20 – Part 1

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- Tonight – Opportunity to give a Bible study
- The Plan – To begin a 5-part series about 2 Corinthians 11:20
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- Context – warning about the behavior of people called religious leaders
(An observant person will recognize that this information can be applied to people who are called secular leaders)

2 Cor. 11:1	oh, that you would bear with me in a little folly – indeed, bear with me
2	I am jealous for you with godly jealousy
13	false apostles – deceitful workers – transforming themselves into apostles of Christ
14	Satan transforms himself into an apostle of Christ
15	therefore – it is no surprise that his ministers transform themselves into servants of righteousness – their end = according to their works
16-19	Paul did a little boasting
20	5 negative behaviors (I believe that Paul was identifying the wrong behavior of the followers – more than the wrong behavior of the fake apostles)

#1 – Paul identified – people following other people into bondage

King James	for you suffer – if a man brings you into bondage
New King James	for you put up with it – if one brings you into bondage
Revised Standard	for you bear it – if a man makes slaves of you
Amplified New Testament	for you endure it – if a man assumes control of your soul & makes slaves of you

- “Following people into Bondage” versus “Helping people to find Freedom” – 4 concepts
 1. Understand – 2 types of bondage
promoting needless expectations – ignoring God’s expectations
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| Gal. 2:4 | false brethren – promoting needless expectations |
| Jude 4 | crept in unawares – ignoring God’s expectations |

2. Do NOT follow religious people into bondage
 (Many people who allege to be a religious leader are not from God)
 (Resisting someone does not have to be confrontational)
- Matt. 16:21 He told them that He would suffer many things from the elders, chief priests and scribes – be killed – and be raised
- Matt. 20:25 you know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over the people – and those who are great exercise authority over them
- Matt. 23:4 they bind heavy burdens (hard to bear) and lay them on men’s shoulders – but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers
- 5 they want to be seen by people – they make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their garments
- 6 they love the best place at feasts, and the best seats in the synagogues
- 7-10 they love to be called fancy names
- 11 the greatest – will be your servant
- 12 exalts himself will be humbled – humbles himself will be exalted
- John 16:2 they will put you out of the synagogues – yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service
- Acts 4:16-17 the council – wanted to know what to do with these disciples
- 18 the council – commanded them to quit preaching
- 19-20 Peter and John – wanted to please God
- 21 the council – further threatened the disciples
- Acts 5:17-18 the council put the disciples in prison
- 19-25 an angel opened the prison doors – they taught in the temple
- 27 a captain brought the disciples back before the council
- 28 the high priest – “didn’t we tell you to stop teaching?”
- 29-32 Peter – wanted to please God
- 33 the council was furious and plotted to kill them
- 34-39 Gamaliel – encouraged the council to avoid killing them
- 40 the council beat them and released them
3. Do NOT lead people into bondage – (neither deliberately or accidentally)
- Acts 14:8-10 at the speaking of Paul, a crippled man was healed
- 11-12 the people called Barnabas Zeus – and called Paul Hermes (because he was the chief speaker)
- 13 the priest of Zeus brought animals – intending to sacrifice
- 14-15 Barnabas and Paul – tore off their clothes and stopped the idolatry
4. Lead people toward freedom – through serving
- Matt. 20:26-27 it shall not be so among you – whoever desires to be great, let him be your servant – whoever desires to be first, let him be your slave
- 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life a ransom for many