

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 your 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

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 religious leaders 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