

2 Corinthians 11:20 – Part 3

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- Tonight – Opportunity to give a Bible study
- Comment – I recently began 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. 11:13	false apostles – deceitful workers – transforming themselves into apostles
14	Satan transforms himself into an angel of light
15	his ministers transform themselves into servants of righteousness
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
- #2 – Paul identified – people allowing other people to devour them
- #3 – Paul identified – people allowing other people to take away from them –
(which I believe applies mainly to money or property)

King James	for you suffer – if a man takes from you
New King James	for you put up with it – if one takes from you
Revised Standard	for you bear it – if a man takes advantage of you
Amplified New Testament	for you endure it – if a man deceives you & takes advantage of you

- “Allowing religious people to take money from you” versus “Teaching people to give” – 4 concepts
 1. Do NOT follow religious people who are pre-occupied with money
(Many people who allege to be a religious leader aren’t from God)
(Resisting someone does not have to be confrontational)

Rom. 16:17	avoid people – divisions and offenses – wrong doctrine
18	serve their own belly

- 1 Tim. 6:3-10
 3-4 it is appropriate to watch the behavior of teachers
 5 words of our Lord Jesus Christ – and behavior
 6-9 are they focusing upon money?
 10 are they pre-occupied with money?
 the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil – greediness influences
 people to stray from the from the faith – some people pierce
 themselves through with many sorrows
- Matt. 4:1-11 the devil tried to manipulate the Son of God
2. Do NOT adopt the leadership style of people who are pre-occupied with money
- 2 Pet. 2:3 Peter warned about leaders motivated by covetousness
 John 10:12-13 the hireling flees – because he does not care for the sheep
- What is a hireling?
- Merriam-Webster – “a person who serves for hire, especially for purely mercenary motives”
 Dictionary.com –
1. “a person who works only for pay, especially in a menial or boring job, with little or no concern for the value of the work”
 2. “serving for pay only”
 3. “venal [susceptibility to bribery], mercenary”
3. Notice – writings from the apostle Paul
- Act 20:33-35 Paul wasn’t serving them for the money – (or power)
 1 Tim. 5:18 the laborer is worthy of his wages
- Paul accepted from some congregations and not from other congregations
- 2 Thes. 3:6-12 if a religious servant will not work, neither shall he eat
 Acts 18:3 tentmaker
 1 Cor. 4:12 we labor – working with our own hands
 1 Cor. 9:1-18 Paul choose not to take money from Corinth
 2 Cor. 12:13-18 Paul didn’t want to be burdensome to Corinth
 2 Cor. 11:7-9 Paul somewhat apologized for not taking money from Corinth – but he
 took money from Macedonia
 Phil. 4:15-18 Paul accepted money from the brethren at Philippi (located in Macedonia)
4. Teaching people to give
- Mark 12:42-43 widow’s mites (very small copper coins worth a fraction of a penny)
 1 Tim. 5:4-8 the Bible teaches that family should help their widows
 Gal. 6:9-10 let us do good to all – especially the household of faith
 2 Cor. 9:6–7 cheerful giver