

2 Corinthians 11:20 – Part 5

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- Tonight – Opportunity to give a Bible study
- Title – 2 Corinthians 11:20 – Part 5

- 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)
- #4 – Paul identified – people allowing other people to exalt themselves over them
- #5 – Paul identified – people allowing other people to hit them on the face

King James	for you suffer – if a man smites you on the face
New King James	for you put up with it – if one strikes you on the face
Revised Standard	for you bear it – if a man strikes you in the face
Amplified New Testament	for you endure it – if a man strikes you in the face

- “Allowing religious people to hit them on the face” versus “Teaching people to defend and to protect other people” – 5 concepts
 1. Do NOT follow religious people who are willing to hit you in the face
(Many people who allege to be religious leaders are not from God)
(Resisting someone does not have to be confrontational)

Acts 7:58	when stoning Stephen, the witnesses laid their clothes at the feet of Saul
Acts 8:1-3	Saul was consenting to Stephen’s death – Saul made havoc of the church

- Acts 9:1
2 Saul – breathing threats and murder against disciples of the Lord
taking men and women to Jerusalem – to be imprisoned
2. Do NOT adopt the leadership style of hitting people in the face
- 1 Tim. 3:3 instructions for leaders – servants
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| King James | no striker . . . not a brawler |
| New King James | not violent . . . not quarrelsome |
| Revised Standard | not violent . . . not quarrelsome |
| Amplified NT | not combative . . . not quarrelsome |
3. The Son of God’s example – knowing when to stand up for Himself
- John 2:14-16 the Son of God – overturned the tables – drove them out of the temple
John 8:41,44 they insulted Him – He responded
Mark 13:9 they will deliver you to the councils – you will be beaten in synagogues
Mark 14:65 some began to spit on Him – blindfold Him and to beat Him – mocking
Him by telling Him to “prophesy” about who was hitting Him
(Matt. 26:67 – “spit in His face”)
- Mark 15:19-20 struck Him on the head – spit on Him – bowing the knee, mocking Him
4. Paul’s example – knowing when to stand up for himself
- 2 Cor. 11:23-25 in stripes, in prisons, beaten with rods
Acts 16:22-23 civil leaders commanded Paul and Silas to be beaten – thrown into prison
36-39 Paul stood up for himself
Acts 22:24 the commander threatened to scourge Paul
25-30 Paul stood up for himself
Acts 21:30-31 the people dragged Paul out of the temple – seeking to kill him
32 when the commander and soldiers arrive – they stopped beating Paul
Acts 23:1-5 Paul allowed himself to be struck in the face
11 the Lord told Paul – you will bear witness at Rome
Acts 25:11 Paul – “I appeal to Caesar”
Acts 26:32 Agrippa – “might have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar”
5. Teaching people to defend other people and to protect other people
- Matt. 16:22 Peter – “this shall not happen to You” – (“I will protect you”)
Matt. 26:51 Peter – cut off the soldier’s ear
(1 Peter 2:19-23 – Peter learned and taught to suffer wrongfully)
- Luke 2:36-37 Anna – did not depart from the temple – fastings & prayers night and day
Acts 9:23-25 disciples – hid Saul in basket
(Josh. 2:1-6 – Rahab protected two spies)
- Acts 9:26-28 Barnabas introduced Saul to the apostles in Jerusalem
Rom. 12:17-21 Paul taught – no revenge – to overcome evil with good