

<sup>4</sup> but in everything commending ourselves as servants of God,  
*in much endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses,*

**commending or demonstrating servants of God:**

but in everything commending ourselves as servants of God

**1 Corinthians 3:5 (NASB)** <sup>5</sup> *What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? **Servants through whom you believed,** even as the Lord gave opportunity to each one.*

**2 Corinthians 11:23-25 (NASB)** <sup>23</sup> ***Are they servants of Christ?**—I speak as if insane—**I more so;** in far more labors, in far more imprisonments, beaten times without number, often in danger of death.*

<sup>4</sup> **but in everything commending ourselves as servants of God, in much endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses,**

**in much endurance** *hypomonē* abiding under the following in service of the gospel. **The number one issue in a true ministry is endurance: load carrying ability.**

**in afflictions** *thlipsis* narrow place, trouble

**in hardships** *anankē* necessities external or internal

**in distresses** *stenochōria* anguish

<sup>5</sup> *in beatings, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in hunger,*

*Imposed on him from the outside:*

*in beatings,*

*in imprisonments,*

*Acts 16:23 (NASB) <sup>23</sup> When they had **struck them with many blows**, they threw them **into prison**, commanding the jailer to guard them securely.*

*in tumults, riots,*

*Acts 19:23 (NASB) <sup>23</sup> About that time there occurred no small **disturbance** concerning the Way.*

<sup>5</sup> *in beatings, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in hunger,*

*Self imposed*

*in labors, kopos* "toil resulting in weariness, laborious toil, trouble"

*in sleeplessness, watchings* having to stand watch in the night looking for danger

*in hunger,* of involuntary abstinence (perhaps voluntary is included), consequent upon trying circumstances Vine's

*1 Corinthians 4:11 (NASB) <sup>11</sup> To this present hour we are both hungry and thirsty, and are poorly clothed, and are roughly treated, and are homeless.*

<sup>6</sup> ***in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in genuine love,***

**In** a primary preposition denoting (fixed) position (in place, time or state) Strong's

**In Purity of Life** “pure from defilement, not contaminated”

Vine's

**In Knowledge** simply means general knowledge

*2 Corinthians 11:6 (NASB) <sup>6</sup> But even if I am unskilled in speech, yet I am not so in knowledge; in fact, in every way we have made this evident to you in all things.*

**In Patience** *makros*, "long," *thymos*, "temper," is usually rendered "longsuffering"

Vine's

<sup>6</sup> *in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in genuine love,*

**In Kindness** *chrēstos* “good, gracious, kind” (of persons) Vine's

**In The Holy Spirit**

**1 Corinthians 2:4 (NASB)** <sup>4</sup> *and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power*

**In Genuine Unfeigned Love**

**Romans 12:9 (NASB)** <sup>9</sup> *Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. AGAPE*

**<sup>7</sup> in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left,**

### **In the word of truth**

**LOGOS** "the expression of thought," not the mere name of an object for instances relating to the gospel Vine's

**2 Corinthians 2:17 (NASB)** <sup>17</sup> *For we are not like many, peddling the word of God, but as from sincerity, but as from God, we speak in Christ in the sight of God.*

### **On the basis of truth *Alētheia* Vine's**

**2 Corinthians 4:2 (NASB)**

<sup>2</sup> *but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.*

***7 in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left,***

## **In the power of God**

“dynamis” God’s power

*1 Corinthians 2:5 (NASB) <sup>5</sup> so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.*

## **By the weapons of righteousness**

“Hoplōn” the "armor" of righteousness, the weapons of the Christian's warfare Vine's

*2 Corinthians 10:4 (NASB)<sup>4</sup> for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.*



***<sup>7</sup> in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left,***

The weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left:

Right hand weapons are meant for offensive battle: Sword

Left hand for defensive battle: Shield

He can go either on the offensive or defensive.

There is also a well-known superstition in the Roman Empire, i.e. the right side is the side for fortune and prosperity and the left side is for misfortune. If Paul has this in mind, he means believers should be prepared for both.

McCalley

**<sup>8</sup> by *glory* and *dishonor*, by evil report and good report;**  
***regarded as deceivers and yet true;***

**Doxa** - glory, honor, praise, worship

**Atimia** - dishonor, ignominy, disgrace

*1 Corinthians 4:10 (NASB)<sup>10</sup> We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are prudent in Christ; we are weak, but you are strong; you are distinguished, but we are without honor.*

**Dysphēmia** – defamation, evil report

**Euphēmia** - good report - praise

*1 Corinthians 4:13 (NASB)<sup>13</sup> when we are slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become as the scum of the world, the dregs of all things, even until now.*

<sup>8</sup> *by glory and dishonor, by evil report and good report;  
regarded as deceivers and yet true;*

*Planos* - deceiver, seduce, seducing

*alēthēs*- "true" in the sense of "real, ideal, genuine"

*1 Thessalonians 2:3-4 (NASB)*

<sup>3</sup> *For our exhortation does not come from error or impurity or by way of deceit;* <sup>4</sup> *but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who examines our hearts.*

**Kelly:**

**Revered as a divine being and afterwards stoned, now suspected of murder and immediately after regarded as a god, he experienced variations only less wild and rapid among the saints themselves, and among none more remarkably than at Corinth and in Galatia, where he had to vindicate even his apostleship among his own children in the faith, ready enough to bow down to arrogance and pretension.**

<sup>9</sup> as **unknown** and yet **well-known**, as **dying** and yet behold, we **live**; as punished(or disciplined) and yet not put to death,

**Agnoeō** - not to know, to be ignorant: or **to be unknown**  
**epiginōskō** - "to know thoroughly"

Unknown yet well known. Paul lived 2 complete extremes in terms of popularity.

Gal 1: The Jews in the beginning loved Paul, but now he preaches Christ and the Jews disown him.

**Apothnēskō** - be dead, death, die,  
**zaō** - "to live, be alive,"

*2 Corinthians 4:11 (NASB) <sup>11</sup> For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.*

<sup>9</sup> *as unknown and yet well-known, as dying and yet behold, we live; as punished (or disciplined) and yet not put to death,*

*Paideuō* - "chastening" by the infliction of evils and calamities

*Me - thanatoō* - not put to death, kill, mortify

*Romans 8:36 (NASB)*

<sup>36</sup> *Just as it is written, "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED." from Psalm 44:22*

<sup>10</sup> as **sorrowful** yet always **rejoicing**, as **poor** yet **making many rich**, as having nothing and yet possessing all things.

**Lypeō** - cause grief, grieve, be in heaviness, (be) sorrow

**Chairō** - "rejoicing, being glad"

*Colossians 1:24 (NASB)*

<sup>24</sup> Now I **rejoice** in my **sufferings** for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body, which is the church, in filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions.

**Ptōchos** - beggar

**Ploutizō** - to make rich.

*1 Corinthians 1:5 (NASB)*

<sup>5</sup> that in everything you were **enriched** in Him, in all speech and all knowledge,

<sup>10</sup> *as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich, as having **nothing** and yet possessing **all things**.*

**Mēden** - having nothing or no one

**Panta** - everything

**Romans 8:32 (NASB)**

<sup>32</sup> *He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?*

**1 Corinthians 3:21 (NASB)**

<sup>21</sup> *So then let no one boast in men. For all things belong to you.*



Jesus

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Nothing

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**EVERYTHING**