

2 CORINTHIANS 6: TODAY!

- 1. Take care of today!**
- 2. It's not always easy**
- 3. Separation vs involvement**
- 4. You have a good, good, Father**



2 CORINTHIANS 6, NIV

- **As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain.² For he says,**
- **“In the time of my favor I heard you,
and in the day of salvation I helped you.”**
- **I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.**



- **³ We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. ⁴ Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; ⁵ in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger;**



- **⁶ in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; ⁷ in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left;⁸ through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors;**



- ⁹ known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.



- **¹¹ We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians, and opened wide our hearts to you. ¹² We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us. ¹³ As a fair exchange—I speak as to my children—open wide your hearts also.**



- **¹⁴ Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? ¹⁵ What harmony is there between Christ and Belial^[b]? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?**



- ¹⁶ What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said:
- “I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people.”



- ¹⁷ Therefore,
- “Come out from them
and be separate,
says the Lord.
Touch no unclean thing,
and I will receive you.”



- ¹⁸ And,
- “I will be a Father to you,
and you will be my sons and
daughters,
says the Lord Almighty.”



1. TAKE CARE OF TODAY!

- I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.
- Or, "today is the day of salvation"
- *"Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow, it empties today of its strength."*
— Corrie Ten Boom



2. IT'S NOT ALWAYS EASY

- ⁴ Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses;⁵ in beatings, .
- Is life tough today?
- God knows all about it!
- Did Jesus get Paul through?
- Change your focus:
- Paul kept his eyes on Jesus!



3. SEPARATION VS INVOLVEMENT

- “Come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you.”
- Separate from evil influences
- Yet also involved in other’s lives, pointing them to your Savior



4. YOU HAVE A GOOD, GOOD, FATHER

- “I will be a Father to you,
and you will be my sons and daughters,
says the Lord Almighty.”
- Try listing five different things
every day that demonstrate
God’s goodness

