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- These have little to do with his exceptional training or impressive gifts.
- They have everything to do with his endurance through trials and God's hand upon his ministry.
- Paul ends with a sincere appeal that the Corinthians separate themselves from the world as evidence of sincere belief.

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An ambassador can rightly be described as working together with his king. Yet, the ambassador himself has no power or authority or agenda on his own – it is all bound up in his king. The king delegates power and authority to the ambassador and reveals his agenda to the ambassador, and then the king expects the ambassador to fulfill that agenda.



David Guzik, in
*The Enduring Word
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But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

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- But God's grace did not make Paul a passive partner with God in the gospel.
- God's grace motivated Paul to work hard at his assignment.

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God's patience lasts a lifetime. He waits on us, He forgives us, He doesn't give us what we deserve, He holds back His wrath toward us. He says, "Come to Me now." But we keep putting Him off ... And the clock runs out.

But you say no one knows his death date. You're right - and that's why today is always the day of salvation. You don't put this thing off. God is patient, so come to Him while you can.



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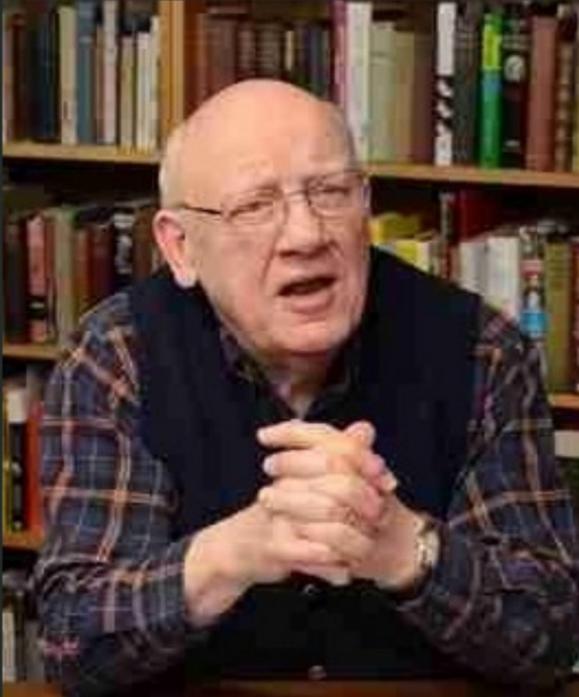


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Paul's character and conduct were always Christ-like. He had clean hands and a clean conscience, and his love for the saints was honest, not "put on." He used the Word of God and prayer as weapons to defeat Satan. Dishonest ministers would have used carnal methods to promote their work.



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- Much like Jesus, the faithful servant of Christ is going to look different to the saint and the sinner.
- Christ's followers were willing to worship him and give their lives for his cause.
- His enemies sent him to the cross.

- A sincere Christian, especially one in ministry like Paul, gains the respect of fellow Christians and heavenly rewards through faithfulness to the cause of Christ.
- To the world, however, (or to worldly Corinthians) this may seem like a wasted life.



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- Imagine Paul's situation.
- He received an undeniable supernatural calling into ministry.
- The original apostles recognized this fact.
- He had given his life to plant churches, one of which was the church in Corinth, at much personal cost.
- In return, some of the Corinthian Christians opposed him, and evidently for very superficial reasons.

- His request in 6:11-13 is that the Corinthian believers would open their hearts toward him even as he had toward them in so many ways.



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Close relationships or partnerships between believers and unbelievers result in an unholy union ... Whether it's a romantic relationship, intimate friendship, or a business partnership, such compromise negatively affects your intimacy with God. When you align yourself with those whose beliefs and lives are far from God, you'll find God distancing himself from you too.



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Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.



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- 1 Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
2 but his delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law he meditates day and night.
- 3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.
- 4 The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
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- Thank you for overlooking our sins despite all of the times that we have turned away from you. Thank you for giving us every chance that we need to live for you.
- Help us now to use our opportunities.
- And help us not to love the world in any detrimental way, but only in the way that you loved the world, in the way that motivated you to send Jesus to die for our sins.
- Help us to live lives of separation from evil and of complete devotion to you.
- In Christ, Amen.

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