

**THE SUFFICIENCY OF GOD'S GRACE -  
to ENCOURAGE You in Your MINISTRY FOR CHRIST  
& in the POWER of the GOSPEL to SAVE those Blinded by Satan.  
(2 Corinthians 4:1-7)**

**A. GOD'S MERCIES ARE SUFFICIENT TO COMFORT YOU & TEACH You VALUABLE LESSONS in all Your TRIBULATIONS. (2 Cor. 1:3-12)**

**B. GOD'S GRACE IS SUFFICIENT - to ENABLE you to SERVE JESUS CHRIST & to experience INTERNAL TRANSFORMATION into His Image. (2 Cor. 2:14-3:18)**

**C. GOD'S POWER IS SUFFICIENT - to ENCOURAGE You in Your MINISTRY FOR CHRIST & in the POWER of the GOSPEL to SAVE those Blinded by Satan. (2 Cor. 4:1-7)**

1. As servants and ambassadors of Jesus Christ, we need to resist the temptation to \_\_\_\_\_ because we have received our \_\_\_\_\_ from God and His sufficient \_\_\_\_\_ to fulfill it. (4:1, 16) Have you ever been tempted to quit some kind of ministry that God has called you to? What discourages us and pushes us to want to quit?

- Observe that Paul uses the plural “we” as this applies to all believers for we are all in “full time” ministry as a servant (4:5) and ambassador of Jesus Christ (5:20).
- What does it mean “we do not lose heart”? (4:1,16)
- As vs. 1 begins with “therefore”, what does this drive us back to? (3:12-18)
- As you keep on beholding Jesus Christ thru the Word of God, what will you discover Him to be?
  - a) He is your \_\_\_\_\_ that you have trusted for your eternal destiny & the forgiveness of your sins, and you are complete in Him. (John 3:16; Acts 10:43; Col. 2:10)
  - b) He is your \_\_\_\_\_ that you should \_\_\_\_\_ yourself to daily to serve Him out of gratitude for His grace. (Rom. 6:1-14)
  - c) He is your \_\_\_\_\_ and resource for everything that you need to \_\_\_\_\_ in fellowship with to bear fruit for the Lord and others. (John 15:1-8)
  - d) His imminent return is your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that you should expect at any time. (Titus 2:13; 1 John 3:3)
  - e) He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Church & His Word is the sole & final authority for all faith & practice. (Col. 1:17-18; Eph. 1:22-23; 2 Tim. 3:16-17)
  - f) He is your \_\_\_\_\_ with the Father when you sin as He ever lives to make \_\_\_\_\_ for you. (1 John 2:1-2; Heb. 7:25)
  - g) He will \_\_\_\_\_ leave you, nor \_\_\_\_\_ you (Heb. 13:5) regardless of the trials or even failures in your life, and He wants you to remember that His \_\_\_\_\_ are new every morning (Lam. 3:22), His \_\_\_\_\_ is sufficient in your weakness (2 Cor. 12:9-10), and \_\_\_\_\_ are working together for your good & His glory (Rom. 8:28-29). Are you encouraged yet? “Not that we are sufficient \_\_\_\_\_ to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is \_\_\_\_\_, who also made us sufficient as ministers ...” (3:5-6a)
- What are the “M & Ms” that should encourage you to keep on keeping on for the Lord? (4:1)  
**Therefore, since we have this \_\_\_\_\_, as we have received \_\_\_\_\_, we do not lose heart.**

2. As servants and ambassadors of Jesus Christ, we need to resist the temptation to resort to wrong \_\_\_\_\_ to do God's will, as we must do God's will, God's way, for God's glory. (4:2) *But we have renounced the hidden things of shame* {what's below the surface}, *not walking in craftiness* {fleshly deceitful motives}, *nor handling the word of God deceitfully* {methods of distorting or twisting the WOG}, *but* {in stark contrast} *by manifestation* {the method - open proclamation} *of the truth* {the message} *commending ourselves to every man's conscience* {by honest transparency & godly integrity} *in the sight of God* {the ultimate audience & judge}. What must we remember about our message, methods, and motives? What must we guard against in our day?
3. As servants and ambassadors of Jesus Christ, we need to remember the critical importance of the \_\_\_\_\_ we preach for both the unsaved and the saved. (4:3) *But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those #1: who are perishing.*
4. As servants and ambassadors of Jesus Christ, we need to remember the \_\_\_\_\_ we are in and the \_\_\_\_\_ that exists in this world-system and age among those we are seeking to reach for Christ. (4:4) #2: *whose minds the god of this age* {Satan} *has* \_\_\_\_\_, #3: *who do not* \_\_\_\_\_, *lest the* \_\_\_\_\_ *of the gospel of the* \_\_\_\_\_, *who is the image of God, should* \_\_\_\_\_ *on them.*
5. As servants and ambassadors of Jesus Christ, we need to NOT preach \_\_\_\_\_ but to keep on \_\_\_\_\_. (4:5a) What are we hearing in our day?
6. As servants and ambassadors of Jesus Christ, we must maintain the mental posture of being \_\_\_\_\_. (4:5b) What is one of Satan's favorite wiles?
- Will you trust God to use His Word and leave the results with Him? (4:6) *For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness* {Genesis 1:2-3}, *who has shone in our hearts to give the* \_\_\_\_\_ *of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of* \_\_\_\_\_.
7. As servants and ambassadors of Jesus Christ, we have been entrusted as \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel so that the excellence of the \_\_\_\_\_ may be of \_\_\_\_\_. (4:7) What does God know is true of us that we are prone to forget or lose sight of?

Humility reflects itself by you repeatedly acknowledging by faith such realities as ...

- 1) I AM NOTHING. (Gal. 6:3; 2 Cor.12:11)
- 2) I can DO NOTHING without Christ. (John 15:5; Phil.4:13)
- 3) I am WHAT I am BY THE GRACE OF GOD so as to give GOD the credit for what is accomplished in your life. (1 Cor.15:10)
- 4) I am NOT SUFFICIENT of myself to think anything as being FROM MYSELF but my sufficiency is FROM GOD. (2 Cor.3:5)
- 5) In me, that is in my flesh, dwells NO GOOD THING. (Rom. 7:18) This is why I must live the Christian life by FAITH in Christ in light of my position in Christ through the POWER of the HOLY SPIRIT, faith-resting in HIS SUFFICIENCY. (Rom.7 & 8; 2 Cor. 3:5)