

## Humility

**“12 For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.”**

**(2 Corinthians 1:12 KJV)**

Paul was the one who planted the Corinthians church and stayed with them for 18 months and later on he needed to leave them. After he left, things went in a way that Paul was not happy much with their achievements; they were proud, boastful and they were showing these wrong attitudes toward Paul who was the one who introduced Christ to them.

Paul, sure was hurt with their wrong attitude and behavior, as well as he needed to deal with them and handle their arrogance. He sent to them letter and teaching to correct them and admonish them.

With such situation that Paul faced we may be facing the same with people whom we labor and invest our lives to introduce Christ to them, and we found them ungrateful. We will learn how Paul faced that situation.

1- Rejoicing, **For our rejoicing is this:** When we face such situation we need to take the attitude of rejoicing, **“22 Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. 23 Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is**

**great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.”**  
**(Luke 6:22-23 KJV)**

2- Keeping good testimony, **the testimony of:** In whatever circumstances that we are facing from threats or harms, scoffing or mocking we need to keep our testimony by keep doing good and fulfill all what the Lord had asked us to do.

3- Keeping clear conscious, **our conscience:** We need to endeavor to keep clear conscious with God and with man. We need to allow The Holy Spirit to examine us, to speak to us and to correct us. If we found ourselves had done wrong we need to repent and correct ourselves, in order to clear our conscious and to keep the fellowship of peace with The Holy Spirit.

4- Living in simplicity, **that in simplicity:** Arrogance and boasting will bring people more down, for we know that God oppose the proud. We humble down and accept suffering and accept to be ill-treated and humiliated and to live a simple life away from boasting, over spending and debauchery.

5- Live in Godliness, **godly:** We need to live and do things in the way God ordained for it to be done.

6- To be honest and sincere, **sincerity:** Let us take our lives and the business of God seriously. Let us be very particular with the things of God. Let us do them diligently and precisely, trusting God that He will be the one to reward us.

7- Avoiding all the work of the flesh, **not with fleshly wisdom:** When we are attacked we should not retaliate or

revenge. We need to keep room for God act.

8- Relying on God's wisdom, **wisdom:** In such circumstance we need really to trust and to rely on God to lead us and to teach us of what we need to do.

9- Relying on the grace of God, **but by the grace of God:** Whatever resources, contacts and privileges we have, we still need to rely on the grace of God to help us and to provide for us to pass through the current painful trial.

10- We will reap the fruit, **we have had our conversation in the world:** As we adopt the above principles then God will open to us new ways to serve Him and we will found that the message will be growing reaching new areas and new people.

11- We even can give the precise message to those who were ungrateful to us, **and more abundantly to you-ward:** Even we can tell them, 'Our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, with integrity and godly sincerity. We have done so, relying not on worldly wisdom but on God's grace.'

## My Prayer

Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord I thank you for your word that gives me comfort and relieve, even as I am facing this opposition and conflict \_\_\_\_\_ about your word from this people \_\_\_\_\_. Lord upholds me with your grace and wisdom to sustain me during this time of trial. I trust you and magnify your name that you will be leading me in victory out of it. I thank you and praise you. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

The Lord  
Is  
My Shepherd

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