

A TRULY REMARKABLE MINISTRY

(2 Corinthians 6:3-10)

I. The External Hardships and Internal Characteristics that Marked Paul's Ministry (6:3-10)

- A. Paul had a genuine concern for the _____ of his ministry and _____ before others. (v. 3)
- B. Trials of a _____ that the apostle endured. (v. 4)
1. *"in tribulations"*
 2. *"in needs"*
 3. *"in distresses"*
- C. Severe sufferings that Paul experienced that had been inflicted by _____. (v. 5a)
1. *"in stripes"*
 2. *"in imprisonments"*
 3. *"in tumults"*
- D. Hardships that the apostle was _____ to endure for the _____ of the Gospel (v. 5b)
1. *"in labors"*
 2. *"in sleeplessness"*
 3. *"in fastings"*
- E. Paul now named various graces (positive character qualities) that _____ had _____ within him mainly in and through these trials; he moved from external circumstances to internal qualities. (v. 6)

1. *“by purity”*
2. *“by knowledge”*
3. *“by longsuffering”*
4. *“by kindness”*
5. *“by the Holy Spirit”*
6. *“by agape love”*

F. Paul next described some of the conditions under which he ministered and some of the _____ or “_____” he used. (v. 7)

1. *“by the word of truth”*
2. *“by the power of God”*
3. *“by the armor of righteousness”*

G. The 9 contrasts that Paul lists in verses 8-10 demonstrate that the human responses to his preaching varied; but despite the _____ of people, God’s _____ was what really _____. (vv. 8-10)

1. *“by honor and dishonor”*
2. *“by evil report and good report”*
3. *“as deceivers, and yet true”*
4. *“as unknown, and yet well known”*
5. *“as dying, and behold we live”*
6. *“as chastened, and yet not killed”*
7. *“as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing”*
8. *“as poor, yet making many rich”*
9. *“as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.”*