

Lesson 11
The Marks of Ministry
2 Corinthians 6:3-10

I. Defense of ministry (6:3-4a)

A. Avoidance of wrong behavior (6:3)

1. His current actions (6:3a)

- Paul purposely avoided actions that _____.

2. The purpose of His actions (6:3b)

- He avoided these actions so that no one would _____.

Question: How does your life compare to the apostle Paul in this area? What changes need to take place in order you to achieve this standard for your life?

B. The purpose of their actions (6:4a)

- Paul wanted every area of his life to reflect that he was _____.

II. Endurance in ministry (6:4b-7a)

A. The areas of endurance (6:4b-5)

- Paul reflected his ministry in all manner of _____.

Question: What manner of hardship and persecution did Paul endure?

B. The source of endurance (6:6-7a)

- He endured because of the resources that are available through _____.

Question: What resources were available to Paul? How would they help Paul endure in the midst of hardship and persecution?

III. Persistence in ministry (6:7b-8a)

A. The source of persistence (6:7b)

- Paul was able to persist because of _____.
- That righteousness enabled Paul to _____.

B. The areas of persistence (6:8a)

- Paul was able to persist in spite of being _____ by others.
- Paul was able to persist whether a _____ was given concerning him.

IV. Appearance of ministry (6:8b-10)

A. The accusations against Paul (6:8b)

- Paul was being accused of being _____.
- Paul stressed that in spite of this accusation, he is _____.

B. The status of Paul (6:9-10)

- As Paul endured terrible circumstances, he was able to keep _____.

Question: How does Paul defend himself against his detractors by listing the trying circumstances that he must endure in ministry?
