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Reconciliation

Apology

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We put no stumbling block in
anyone's path, so that our
ministry will not be discredited.

2 CORINTHIANS 6:3

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Rather, as servants of God we
commend ourselves in every way:
in great endurance; in troubles,
hardships, and distresses;

2 CORINTHIANS 6:4

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in beatings, imprisonments,
and riots; in hard work,
sleepless nights, and hunger;

2 CORINTHIANS 6:5

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in purity, understanding, patience,
and kindness; in the Holy Spirit
and in sincere love;

2 CORINTHIANS 6:6

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in truthful speech and in the
power of God; with weapons of
righteousness in the right hand
and in the left;

2 CORINTHIANS 6:7

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through glory and dishonor, bad
report and good report; genuine,
yet regarded as impostors;

2 CORINTHIANS 6:8

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known, yet regarded as unknown;
dying, and yet we live on; beaten,
and yet not killed;

2 CORINTHIANS 6:9

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sorrowful, yet always rejoicing;
poor, yet making many rich;
having nothing, and yet
possessing everything.

2 CORINTHIANS 6:10

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We have spoken freely to you,
Corinthians, and opened wide
our hearts to you.

2 CORINTHIANS 6:11

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We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us.

2 CORINTHIANS 6:12

T R A N S P A R E N T

As a fair exchange — I speak as to my children — open wide your hearts also.

2 CORINTHIANS 6:13

T R A N S P A R E N T

Paul seeks relational reconciliation with the Corinthians as a natural result of their vertical reconciliation with God. He does so by giving an *apology* of his life.

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Reputation
matters for the
Gospel. (6:3,4a)

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Reputation matters for the Gospel.

“Paul determined never to allow any stain on his virtue that would undermine the integrity of his Gospel.”

JOHN MACARTHUR

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Reputation matters for the Gospel.

For Paul, Labor Day was every day. He constantly sought to live his life as a consistent reflection of his Gospel claims. He was not content to be a “somewhat or sometimes” follower of Jesus.

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Reputation matters for the Gospel.

**“Every Christian’s life should
be the Gospel’s most eloquent
advertisement.”**

NIV ZONDERVAN STUDY BIBLE

T R A N S P A R E N T

Evidence
matters for our
claims. (6:4b-10)

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Evidence matters for our claims.

Some of our best evangelism is not winning an argument on the basis of our reasoning, but to winning lost people on the basis of our response to suffering and hardship.

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Evidence matters for our claims.

“[Paul] commends himself by his purity of motives and the evident power of God that has sustained him through all his trials and afflictions. His deeds match his words.”

DAVID GARLAND

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Evidence matters for our claims.

“Paul does not view his suffering as an apostle as a tedious detour; it is rather the main highway. It is not punishment for wrongdoing, but the suffering of one who is righteous.”

DAVID GARLAND

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Evidence matters for our claims.

“Not only through victories and triumphs but also by the way he endures hardship, Paul gives testimony to the truthfulness of his apostolic ministry...”

ESV STUDY BIBLE

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Evidence matters for our claims.

“The glory of the Gospel shines forth from a Christian’s life in the way he responds to suffering and opposition.”

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Evidence matters for our claims.

Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of His Body, which is the Church.

COLOSSIANS 1:24

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I have become its servant by the
commission God gave me to present to
you the Word of God in its fullness —

COLOSSIANS 1:25

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the mystery that has been kept hidden
for ages and generations, but is now
disclosed to the Lord's people.

COLOSSIANS 1:26

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Evidence matters for our claims.

To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

COLOSSIANS 1:27

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He is the One we proclaim, admonishing
and teaching everyone with all wisdom,
so that we may present everyone
fully mature in Christ.

COLOSSIANS 1:28

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Evidence matters for our claims.

To this end I strenuously contend
with all the energy Christ so
powerfully works in me.

COLOSSIANS 1:29

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Evidence matters for our claims.

For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for Him...

PHILIPPIANS 1:29

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Evidence matters for our claims.

“By its nature, ministry means vulnerability to hardships; hardships test and shape character, and character undergirds endurance in hardships...”

GEORGE GUTHRIE

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Evidence matters for our claims.

“Reconciliation is costly on numerous levels, including the level of frontline ministry.”

GEORGE GUTHRIE

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Transparency
matters for the
Gospel. (6:11-13)

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*Emotional
Reciprocity*

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“A heart full of love and affection expands, while one filled with selfishness and suspicion has a strong tendency to shrink.”

RALPH MARTIN

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Now I am ready to visit you for the third time, and I will not be a burden to you, because what I want is not your possessions but you.

2 CORINTHIANS 12:14

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After all, children should not have to save up for their parents, but parents for their children.

2 CORINTHIANS 12:14

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So I will very gladly spend for you everything I have and expend myself as well. If I love you more, will you love me less?

2 CORINTHIANS 12:15

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“The most difficult, painful experience for a faithful minister is to be misrepresented, to be falsely accused, to have one’s integrity unfairly attacked...”

JOHN MACARTHUR

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“Such assaults have the potential, by destroying people’s trust and confidence in the minister, of devastating his ministry.”

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Transparency matters for the Gospel.

“Paul’s deepest passion is not to be stroked by them, but for the Gospel to be praised in their lives.”

JONATHAN WILEY

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Integrity in Gospel
living fuels credibility
for witness and
influence on others.

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