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I. In Defense of the Ministry, 2 Corinthians 6:3–10

A. Without offense, 2 Corinthians 6:3

- offense - *“proscope”* - without any stumbling block
- blamed - *“momaomai”* - to malign

B. Commending themselves ..., v. 4a

- commending - *“sunistao”* - giving undeniable evidence

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I. In Defense of the Ministry cont. 2 Corinthians 6:3–10

B. Commending themselves ..., (cont.) v. 4a

1. In hardships, persecution, & inconveniences

v. 4b–5

2. By a pure walk with God, vv. 6–7

3. Through the paradoxes of service to God,

vv. 8–10

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II. The Corinthian's Misplaced Affections,

2 Corinthians 6:11–13

A. Paul's openness to the Corinthians, v. 11

B. The hurt of wrong relationships: v. 12

"... but you are restricted by your own affections."

v. 12b

C. Recompense required, v. 13

"Now ... you also be open."

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III. Break the illicit relationships, 2 Corinthians 6:14–7:1

A. “do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers.” v. 14

“unequally yoked together with” - heterozugeo v. 14a

“unbelievers” - apistos = no faith

B. Five rhetorical questions of mutually exclusive actions. vv. 14–16

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- 1. What fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? v. 14b**
- 2. What communion has light with darkness? v. 14c**
- 3. What accord has Christ with Belial? v. 15a**
- 4. What part has a believer with an unbeliever? v. 15b**
- 5. What agreement has the temple of God with idols? v. 16a**

C. Application:

“For you are the temple of the living God.” v. 16b

You - umeis, second person plural - you all - the church

Temple - naos = The Holy Place and the Holy of Holies

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III. Unequally Yoked with Unbelievers, 2 Cor. 6:11–7:1

D. The way to restoration, 2 Cor. 7:1

- **Remember God's promises, 2 Cor. 6:16–18**
- **Separate yourselves from the world, 2 Cor. 6:14a**
 - **Confession of sin, 1 John 1:9**
- **Separate yourselves to God, 2 Cor. 6:16–7:1**
- **Return to the Lord and commit to pure living**