

2 CORINTHIANS

The Benefit of Inadequacy

2 Corinthians 6:1-7:1

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*How does our partnership in Christ affect
our life and behavior?*

What are our hearts wide open to?

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“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

– Matthew 11:28-30

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also ... No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

– Matthew 6:21,24

“You shall not plow with an ox and a donkey
together.”

– Deuteronomy 22:10

“To the rest I say (I, not the Lord) that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he should not divorce her. If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she should not divorce him. For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband.”

– 1 Corinthians 7:12-14

“A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.”

– 1 Corinthians 7:39

“I do not ask that you take them out of the world,
but that you keep them from the evil one.”

– John 17:15

“I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people - not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world.

– 1 Corinthians 5:9-10

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“I will make my dwelling among you, and my soul shall not abhor you. And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people. I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that you should not be their slaves. And I have broken the bars of your yoke and made you walk erect.”

– Leviticus 26:11-13

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