

Lesson 65 Answers and Comments

Blessed	provoke	known	faith
All	jealously	all	hope
Spiritual	power	Gentiles	charity
Blessings	power	hear	charity
Desired	signs	bear	present
Covet	wonders	name	bodies
Best	power	Gentile	sacrifice
Zealous	signs	kings	what
Profit	apostle	Israel	receive
Withal	signs	Gentiles	
Edification	wonders	fail	
Exhortation	mighty	cease	
Comfort	ministereth	vanish	
Sign	miracles	part	
Not	edifying	part	
Word of wisdom	false	perfect	
Word of wisdom	deceitful	come	
Faith	apostles	part	
Healing	transformed	given	
Miracles	angel	me	
Prophecy	light	fulfil	
Discernment	his	Word	
Tongues	ministers	God	
Interpretation	transformed	prophet	
Preached	ministers	spiritual	
Every	righteousness	acknowledge	
Require	preached	write	
Sign	every	commandments	

Every believer makes up the body of Christ. Each of us, presenting our bodies a “living sacrifice,” should work in harmony in the body. Just as our physical members of our physical body do. I Cor. 12:27 “Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.” Each of us has the privilege of serving one another with whatever talents and abilities we have. We each have the responsibility to build and bring unity to the body through the sound doctrine of God’s word.

Eph. 4:16 “From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.”

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II Cor. 1:8 “For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:”

Paul didn't want the saints to be ignorant concerning trouble. Paul refers to his trouble in Asia. Read Acts 19:22-41.

Paul spent _____ years in Asia preaching the word of God, Acts 19:10. Many people were saved and great things were happening. In Acts 19:18-20 we see that many believed and in vs. 19 they had a bonfire burning their _____ arts and _____. In vs. 20 we find that the word of God _____ mightily and _____.” In the midst of all this wonderful activity we have trouble!

Do we sometimes get caught off guard by trouble? Just when things are going great trouble comes along! Much to many believers surprise trouble is not always associated with sin or the consequences of sin or because we live in a world under the curse of sin.

II Tim. 3:12 “Yea, and all that _____ live _____ in Christ Jesus _____ suffer _____.”

Paul was all about living godly and consequently his life was overflowing with trouble. Read II Cor. 11:23-33. Can you list 10 things that Paul suffered in these verses?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

In I Thes. 3:3, 4 we read “That no man should be moved by these _____: for yourselves know that we are _____ thereunto.” Vs. 4 “For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should _____; even as it came to pass, and ye know.”

And again in Phil. 1:29 “For unto _____, it is _____ in behalf of Christ, not only to _____ on him, but _____ to _____ for his sake;” (This is a blessing given to believers, howbeit, one that is not too often appreciated or desired.)

We find over and over again in Paul’s epistles that godliness and suffering (trouble) go hand in hand.

Why is it that many of us have the “knee jerk” reaction to automatically associate trouble with being “outside” the will of God? Something goes wrong and we hear “You must be displeasing the Lord”. “God surely is not putting His blessing on that.” “God is chastening you.”

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Where does this thinking come from? Hang on to your seat! It comes from the word of God!! Physical, outward blessing was the outcome of Israel’s godliness. If they were pleasing and obeying God they saw the outpouring of God’s physical blessings. Read Deut. 28.

Israel could count on smooth sailing if they were godly. God would pour out physical blessings upon them. Israel could also tell when they were outside the will of God. Trouble, calamity and suffering came their way as a direct response to their disobedience.

A failure to rightly divide the word of God has caused the church (the body of Christ) to think of trouble and calamity as God’s way of punishing, showing displeasure with our activity. We saw from Paul’s instruction that something quite different regarding suffering is to be expected today.

Paul says in I Cor. 4:11-13 “Even unto this present hour we both _____, and _____, and are _____, and are _____ and have _____ certain _____; vs. 12 And _____, working with our own hands: being _____, we bless; being _____, we _____ it: vs. 13 being _____, we intreat: we are made as the _____ of the world, and are the _____ of all things unto this day.” Wow!

I thought God would open the windows of heaven and pour out His riches on me and my ministry if I lived godly? The “mega churches” have this mentality. “God must be in this, blessing our work.” They forgot about Paul. I Tim. 6:5 “...supposing that _____ is _____...”

Next week we will go on with II Cor. 1:8 and see if there is something else about trouble that Paul doesn’t want us to be ignorant about.