

“WE FAINT NOT”
(2 Corinthians 4:1-7)

1. **As servants and ambassadors of Jesus Christ, we need to resist the temptation to _____ because we have received our _____ from God and His sufficient _____ to fulfill it. (4:1, 16)** Have you ever been tempted to quit some kind of ministry that God has called you to? What discourages us and pushes us to want to quit?
- Observe that Paul uses the plural “we” as this applies to all believers for, we are all in “full time” ministry as a servant (4:5) and ambassador of Jesus Christ (5:20).
 - What does it mean “we do not lose heart”? (4:1,16)
 - As vs. 1 begins with “therefore”, what does this drive us back to? (3:12-18) As you keep on beholding Jesus Christ thru the Word of God, what will you discover Him to be?
- a) He is your _____ that you have _____ for your eternal destiny & the forgiveness of your sins, and you are complete in Him. (John 3:16; Acts 10:43; Col. 2:10)
- b) He is your _____ that you should _____ yourself to daily to serve Him out of gratitude for His grace. (Rom. 6:1-14)
- c) He is your _____ and resource for everything that you need to _____ in fellowship with Him to bear fruit for the Lord and others. (John 15:1-8)
- d) His imminent return is your _____ and _____ that you should expect at any time. (Titus 2:13; 1 John 3:3)
- e) He is the _____ of the Church & His Word is the sole & final authority for all faith & practice. (Col. 1:17-18; Eph. 1:22-23; 2 Tim. 3:16-17)
- f) He is your _____ with the Father when you sin as He ever lives to make _____ for you. (1 John 2:1-2; Heb. 7:25)
- g) He will _____ leave you, nor _____ you (Heb. 13:5) regardless of the trials or even failures in your life, and He wants you to remember that His _____ are new every morning (Lam. 3:22), His _____ is sufficient in your weakness (2 Cor. 12:9-10), and _____ are working together for your good & His glory (Rom. 8:28-29). Are you encouraged yet? “Not that we are sufficient _____ to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is _____, who also made us sufficient as ministers ...” (3:5-6a)
- What are the “M & M’s” that should encourage you to keep on keeping on for the Lord? (4:1) Therefore, since we have this _____, as we have received _____, we do not lose heart.

2. **As servants and ambassadors of Jesus Christ, we need to resist the temptation to resort to wrong _____ to do God's will, as we must do God's will, God's way, for God's glory. (4:2)** *But we have renounced the hidden things of shame {what's below the surface}, not walking in craftiness {fleshly deceitful motives}, nor handling the word of God deceitfully {methods of distorting or twisting the WOG}, but {in stark contrast} by manifestation {the method - open proclamation} of the truth {the message} commending ourselves to every man's conscience {by honest transparency & godly integrity} in the sight of God {the ultimate audience & judge}. What must we remember about our message, methods, and motives? What must we guard against in our day?*

3. **As servants and ambassadors of Jesus Christ, we need to remember the critical importance of the _____ we preach for both the unsaved and the saved. (4:3)** *But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those {#1:} who are perishing....*

4. **As servants and ambassadors of Jesus Christ, we need to remember the _____ we are in and the _____ that exists in this world-system and age among those we are seeking to reach for Christ. (4:4)** {#2:} *whose minds the god of this age {Satan} has _____, {#3:} who do not _____, lest the _____ of the gospel of the _____, who is the image of God, should _____ on them.* What are some of the "false gospels" of our day?

5. **As servants and ambassadors of Jesus Christ, we need to NOT preach _____ but to keep on _____.** (4:5a)

6. **As servants and ambassadors of Jesus Christ, we must maintain the mental posture of being _____.** (4:5b) What is one of Satan's favorite wiles?
 - Will you trust God to use His Word as you preach it for evangelizing the lost or teaching it to edify the saved, and leave the results with Him? (4:6) *For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness {Genesis 1:2-3}, who has shone in our hearts to give the _____ of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of _____.*

7. **As servants and ambassadors of Jesus Christ, we have been entrusted as _____ with the _____ of the Gospel so that the excellence of the _____ may be of _____ and _____ of us" (4:7)** What does God know is true of us that we are prone to forget or lose sight of? We are total products of _____. Consistent with embracing God's grace is humility which reflects itself by you repeatedly acknowledging by faith such realities as ... **1)** I AM _____. (Gal. 6:3; 2 Cor.12:11); **2)** I can _____ without Christ. (John 15:5; Phil.4:13); **3)** I am WHAT I am _____ so as to give GOD the credit for what is accomplished in your life. (1 Cor.15:10); **4)** I am _____ of myself to think anything as being FROM MYSELF, but my sufficiency is _____. (2 Cor.3:5); **5)** In me, that is in my flesh, dwells _____. (Rom. 7:18) This is why I must live the Christian life _____ in Christ in light of my _____ in Christ through the _____ of the _____, faith-resting in HIS SUFFICIENCY. (Rom.7 & 8; 2 Cor. 3:5) How does this apply to you?