



There Are No Three Easy Steps

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

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(6:1) Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

(6:2) For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

(6:3) We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry,

(6:4) but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way:
by great endurance
in afflictions
hardships
calamities

(6:5) beatings
imprisonments
riots
labors
sleepless nights
hunger

(6:6) by purity
knowledge
patience
kindness
the Holy Spirit
genuine love

(6:7) by truthful speech
and the power of God
with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left

(6:8a) through honor and dishonor
through slander
and [through] praise

(6:8b) We are treated as impostors, and yet are true

(6:9) as unknown, and yet well known
as dying, and behold, we live
as punished, and yet not killed

(6:10) as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing
as poor, yet making many rich
as having nothing, yet possessing everything

(6:11) We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open.

(6:12) You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections.

(6:13) In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.
