

# Poser Christianity

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

- Reject poser Christianity by being an AMBASSADOR.  
6:1-2
  
- Reject poser Christianity by embracing Jesus' SWAGGER.  
6:3-10
  - Embrace Jesus' swagger by ENDURING HARDSHIP.
  - Embrace Jesus' swagger by EXIBITING CHARACTER.
  - Embrace Jesus' swagger by living for another KINGDOM.
  
- Reject poser Christianity by LOVING without LIMITS.  
6:11-13

## FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. What is a "poser"? Can you think of any posers in the Bible? What are some ways that we've been posers before? What are some ways that faithful Christians can fall into a poser lifestyle?
2. In 2 Corinthians 6:1, Paul appeals to the Corinthians "not to receive the grace of God in vain." Looking back over 5:14-21, what is Paul referring to as "the grace of God"? How did Paul model not receiving God's grace in vain (see 5:18-20, 1 Cor 15:10)?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:20. In your life, how has God called you to be an ambassador for Christ? How is the metaphor a picture of our calling as Christians? How should this shape your relationships (as a spouse, a parent, a friend, a coworker, etc.)?
4. What is one message in our culture that you can oppose as an ambassador of Christ (e.g. how people view work, parenting, body image, treating parents, etc.)?
5. How would you describe "Jesus' swagger" to someone who was not in church on Sunday?
6. Look over 6:3-10. We grouped this list into three categories or "exhibits" on Sunday. Of these exhibits, which is most difficult for you right now? Why? Which have you seen to be powerful demonstrations of people's authentic, real faith?
7. When you endure hardship, what are some verses or truths you can remember to remind you to **embrace Jesus' swagger**?
8. In the following passages, how is Paul commending himself as a minister of the gospel? 2 Corinthians 1:8-10, 2:17, 4:2, 11:7-9, 11:23-28; Acts 16:19-31, 19:8-10; Philippians 1:12-14, 1:21-26.
9. Read John 13:34-35. What makes this commandment new? How does worldly love differ from biblical love? How does this kind of love demonstrate genuine faith? Who is God calling you to love like this?

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