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  - How do I become a good person? (holiness)
  - What happens when I die? (immortality)

- **Source** = the starting point is God

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**Physical** – opposition, arrest, flogging, threats on your life

**Emotional**

*2 Corinthians 4:8-9*

*We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.*

**Relational**

v. 15, *You know that everyone in the province of Asia has deserted me, including Phygelus and Hermogenes.*

- **to guard**

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