

# Forced to move

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## Pushed yet Passionate

**2Co 12:10** *For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 11 I have been a fool! You forced me to it, for I ought to have been commended by you. For I was not at all inferior to these super-apostles, even though I am nothing. 12 The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with utmost patience, with signs and wonders and mighty works. 13 For in what were you less favored than the rest of the churches, except that I myself did not burden you? Forgive me this wrong! 14 Here for the third time I am ready to come to you. And I will not be a burden, for I seek not what is yours but you. For children are not obligated to save up for their parents, but parents for their children.*

As believers I have experienced so many times that I am bullied into action by so many people and situations. By our own choice we walk into this trap of forceful actions. We would never even have considered in any way that we would ever do something like this, but then we are forced into action and without any good consideration we end up doing what we would never have done. This is the process where we are forced to move. How do we act on it, and how should we handle it?

### 1. Forced to action

1.1. Even Paul himself in the verse above realized that he was forced into pridefully placing himself above others.

- a) Paul in himself have never called himself anything other but, the least of the apostles.
- b) This humble attitude are given a heavy blow by this pridedful response he knows he was forced into.
- c) He even apologises for it.

1.2. As believer you might even have felt forced into using alcohol, lying, cheating, stealing or whatever for what we would consider a forced situation.

- a) Insurance fraud.
- b) Covering for the boss
- c) Covering for family

### 2. How should we handle it when .....

2.1.....we feel like we are being forced to wrong action.

- a) Take a deep breath. Calm down, before you act.
- b) When forced, the answer is NO!
- c) Take a good summary of whether this is immortal or mortal seed that will be sown?
- d) Are you causing good harvest or not?

2.2.....we have taken the wrong actions.

- a) Take a deep breath.
- b) Repent to fellow believers!
- c) Relax, God will use this to His advantage.
- d) LET THE PASSION of your relationship and what God wants fill you.
  - Spend time with God to hear His heart.
  - Stop trying to fix it.
  - Allow God to fill you with whatever He is passionate about.

### Things to think and do

- Are you passionate with what He is passionate about?
- Are you excited with what He is excited about, or are you constantly fighting for YOU?
- Are you who you are because of what HE said or do you have to defend it?