

"Godly Sorrow"

Introduction: In this passage we will see the heart of Paul. Though he had to play the part of a disciplinarian, he never really enjoyed correcting the Corinthians, but he was thankful for the good results which followed his strong rebukes.

- I. The _____ (2 Cor. 7:1-10)
 - A. God's promise of a close relationship for separation should be a great motivation for _____ living.
 - B. Paul had to _____ himself against false accusations.
 - C. On the one hand Paul was very frank with the Corinthians, but on the other he was quick to _____ them in the presence of others.
 - D. Sometimes preachers need to get a little _____ with folks to wake them up from their spiritual slumber (Ro. 13:11; 1 Cor. 3:1; Jas. 4:4).
 - E. The Word of God is filled with verses of _____ (2 Tim. 3:16).
 - F. God brought great comfort to Paul in the midst of his trials when he heard the good _____ of how they responded to his first letter.
 - G. Correcting others should not bring us pleasure, but the good results bring _____ (Heb. 12:10; Pr. 28:23).
 - H. A surgeon does not get joy from inflicting _____ on his patient, but looks to remove the infected part to bring them to better health.
 - I. There is a big _____ between godly and worldly sorrow.
 - J. God wants us to be repentant over our sins, but He never wants us to be _____; discouragement is a tool of the Devil.
- II. The _____ (2 Cor. 7:11-12)
 - A. True repentance means a _____ of mind and actions.
 - B. The Corinthians truly wanted to make things _____ after Paul's letter.
 - C. True repentance will produce good _____ (Matt. 3:8).
 - D. Walking down an aisle and shedding a few _____ does not mean the person has truly repented.
 - E. There must be a desire to _____ the sin (Pr. 28:13).
 - F. We need to _____ that we have repented of our sins with our actions.
 - G. Love is the reason spiritual leaders _____ those in their care (Pr. 13:24; Acts 20:28; Heb. 13:17; 2 Tim. 4:2).
- III. The _____ (2 Cor. 7:13-16)
 - A. Titus was sent by Paul to check on the Corinthians and he was _____ by what he found at the church.
 - B. In any situation requiring correction, _____ is always the goal.
 - C. Paul had _____ that the problems in the church would be corrected.

Conclusion: "[Paul] was sorry that in carrying out his work for the Lord, it was necessary that others should at times be cast into unhappiness temporarily in order that God's purposes might be worked out in their lives" (MacDonald).