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A. the Lord is the source of all greetings - 1:1-2

these greetings were from Paul and Timothy - 1:1

this letter was from Paul, an apostle by the will of God
Paul was called to be an apostle by God - I Tim. 1:1, II Tim. 1:1
this letter was from Timothy, a brother in Christ
Timothy had been a partner of Paul at Corinth - Acts 18:5, I Cor. 16:10
this letter was to the church which was at Corinth
Paul had spent two years with the church at Corinth - Acts 18:11, 18
this letter was to all the saints throughout Achaia (Southern Greece)

these greetings focused on the grace of God - 1:2

this letter wanted the saints to experience grace
this letter wanted the saints to experience peace
this letter was from the Father and from Christ

B. the Lord reveals how we minister to one another - 1:3-11

1. God comforts us so that we can comfort others - 1:3-4

God is the source of all comfort - 1:3

God is the Father of mercies
God is a God who is abundant in mercy - Ps. 86:5, 15
God is the God of all comfort
God is a God of patience and comfort - Rom. 15:5

God comforts us so that we can comfort others - 1:4

God comforts us in all of our tribulation
Christ promised the Holy Spirit would be our Comforter - John 14:16-18
God equips us to comfort those in any tribulation
Christ calls us to comfort one another - I Thess. 4:18, 5:11
God equips us to comfort with the same comfort we receive
Christ used Titus to comfort Paul - II Cor 7:6-7

2. God allowed Paul to suffer to provide an example - 1:5-7

Paul said Christ suffered to bring us comfort - 1:5

Paul experienced much suffering for Christ

Paul carried permanent scars from his physical suffering - II Cor 4:10-11

Paul gives a summary of his physical and spiritual suffering - II Cor. 11:23-30

Paul experienced much comfort through Christ

Paul said we experience comfort through Christ - Phil. 2:1

Paul said that Christ gives us everlasting comfort - II Thess. 2:16-17

Paul said he also suffered to comfort others - 1:6

Paul experienced suffering for their comfort

Paul viewed his suffering as light affliction for the moment - II Cor. 4:15-18

Paul experienced suffering for their salvation

Paul willingly suffered to bring the Gospel to others - Acts 16:19-34

Paul witnessed to please the Lord who loved him - II Cor. 5:1-10, 14-15

Paul provided an example for them when they suffered

Paul realized that others became bold by his suffering - Phil 1:12-14

Paul provided an example of how the Lord comforts

Paul was going to serve the Lord in life and in death - Phil. 1:19-21

Paul taught that it is a privilege to suffer for Christ - Phil. 1:29-30

Paul prepared Christians for coming suffering - Acts 14:22

Paul said his hope was that they would be comforted in their suffering - 1:7

Paul had a strong and firm hope for the Corinthians

Paul said that they caused him to rejoice - II Cor. 1:14

Paul was confident Christ would complete what He began - Phil 1:6-7

Paul knew that our hope is based on the election of God - I Thess. 1:3-4

Paul knew that they were sharing the same suffering as he

Paul knew we can rejoice when suffering for Christ - Matt. 5:11-12

Paul knew that as we suffer we will be glorified together - Rom. 8:17-18

Paul knew that God provides a way to escape from temptation - I Cor. 10:13

Paul said God will repay those who cause us to suffer - II Thess. 1:4-7

Paul knew they would share the same comfort as he

Paul said that as we endure, we will reign with Christ - II Tim. 1:12

Paul knew that testing produces patience in our lives - James 1:2-4

Paul knew we can look forward to the crown of life - James 1:12

3. God is the One who delivers us from death - 1:8-11

Paul had suffered greatly in Asia - 1:8

Paul had told the Corinthians about his suffering in Asia

the life of Paul was in danger many times - II Cor. 4:8-11

Paul said that they were burdened beyond measure

the life of Paul had been in danger in Asia - Acts 19:23-30

Paul said they were burdened beyond strength

Paul even had to fight wild animals in Asia - I Cor. 15:32

Paul said they had even despaired of life

Paul had to face many adversaries in Asia - I Cor. 16:9

Paul said that his trust was in the Lord - 1:9

Paul said they had a sentence of death in themselves

Paul said that they had death working in them - II Cor. 4:11-12

Paul said this was so they would not trust in themselves

Paul knew that true strength comes through total weakness - II Cor. 12:7-10

Paul said this was so they would trust in God who raises the dead

Paul understood that it is God who raises the dead - Heb. 11:19

Paul said that the Lord is the One who delivers us - 1:10

the Lord is the One who has delivered in the past

Paul had experienced deliverance in the past - Acts 9:23-25

the Lord is the One who delivers in the present

Paul knew that the Lord delivers in the present - II Pet. 2:9

the Lord is the One who will deliver in the future

Paul knew the Lord would deliver him in the future - II Tim. 4:17

Paul said they helped in this deliverance through prayer - 1:11

Paul said that they were helping through their prayers

Paul encouraged all Christians to help through prayer - Rom. 15:30-32

Paul said his personal ministry was helped through prayer - Eph. 6:19

Paul said that many would be able to give thanks as God answered

Paul knew that many benefited from prayer for him - Phil. 1:12-14

Paul said this deliverance was a gift granted by many

Paul urged all Christians to pray for him - Col. 4:3-4

II. Paul's ministry to the Corinthians 1:12-2:13

A. the Lord led Paul to change his plans - 1:12-2:4

1. Paul had provided a godly example - 1:12-14

the Lord had given him strength to be a godly example - 1:12

Paul could rejoice for a clear conscience

Paul could rejoice because he showed love from a clear conscience - I Tim. 1:5

Paul could rejoice that he ministered in simplicity and sincerity

Paul was concerned that all would focus on the simplicity in Christ - II Cor. 11:3

Paul could rejoice that he did not depend on human wisdom

Paul did not focus on human wisdom - I Cor. 1:17, Jam. 3:15

Paul could rejoice because he was an example in the world

Paul invited others to imitate his example - I Thess. 1:6

Paul could rejoice because he was an example to the Corinthians

Paul invited the Corinthians to imitate his example - I Cor. 11:4

the Lord caused Paul to write things they would understand - 1:13

Paul was writing things they could read

Paul did not want to handle the Word deceitfully - II Cor. 4:2

Paul was writing things they could understand

Paul focused on speaking words easy to be understood - I Cor. 13:9

Paul was concerned that they would understand

Paul spoke in the power of the Spirit - I Cor. 2:4-5

the Lord lets us boast in one another - 1:14

Paul knew that they had understood him in the past

Paul had become like a spiritual parent to help them understand - I Cor 3:14-17

Paul wanted others to understand so they could then teach - Phil. 2:15-16

Paul trusted that they would really know him in the day of the Lord

Paul knew what he had been delivered from in his own life - I Tim. 1:12-17

Paul knew that they could rejoice together in their changed lives - II Cor. 1:9-11

Paul trusted that he would really know them in the day of the Lord

Paul looked forward to seeing them blameless in the day of the Lord - I Cor. 1:8

Paul wanted to rejoice about others in the day of the Lord - I Thess. 2:19-20

Paul knew that the Lord would complete His work in others - Phil 1:6, 10

2. Paul had planned to visit Corinth again - 1:15-20

this plan was to visit Corinth again - 1:15

Paul had wanted to visit them twice

Paul had planned an earlier visit - I Cor 4:19, 11:34

Paul had wanted to enjoy a double benefit

this plan was to visit Corinth both coming and going - 1:16

he had planned to visit on his way to Macedonia

Paul was planning to spend time with them - I Cor 16:5-7

he had planned a second visit on his way from Macedonia

Paul had changed his plans because of plots against him - Acts 20:1-3

he knew they would help send him to Judea

Paul knew they had promised to help him earlier - II Cor. 9:1-5

this plan had involved careful thought - 1:17

Paul said he did not plan without thinking - Gal. 2:2

Paul said he did not plan in the flesh - II Cor 10:3-5

this plan was subject to the will of God - 1:18

Paul said that God was his witness - II Cor. 11:10

Paul said that their words were not unfaithful - II Cor. 11:31

this plan based on the ministry of Christ - 1:19

Christ was the message that they preached

Paul focused on preaching Christ - I Cor. 2:2

Christ and His message are always faithful

Christ is the same in the past, present and future - Heb. 13:8

this plan was based on what would bring glory to God - 1:20

all of the promises of God are certain

the promises of God cannot be broken - Heb. 6:12-19

all that Paul did he wanted to bring glory to God

Paul focused on bringing glory to God - I Cor. 10:31

3. Paul had not come to spare them - 1:21-24

God is the One who establishes us in Christ - 1:21

God is the One who establishes us in Christ

the Lord is the One who establishes us - II Thess. 3:3

God is the One who has anointed us

the Lord is the One who has anointed us - I John 2:20, 27

God is the One who seals us with the Holy Spirit - 1:22

God is the One who has sealed us

God sealed us with the Holy Spirit - Eph. 1:13

God is the One who has placed the Spirit in our hearts

God is the One who gave us the Holy Spirit - II Cor. 5:5

God has done this as a guarantee of our salvation

God gave us the Holy Spirit as a guarantee - II Cor. 5:5

God gave the Holy Spirit as the earnest of our inheritance - Eph. 1:14

God was the witness to what Paul did - 1:23

Paul said that God was his witness

Paul said God was his witness that he was not lying - II Cor. 11:31

Paul said God was his witness that he prayed for Christians - Rom. 1:9

Paul said that God was his witness of his love - Phil. 1:8

Paul said God was a witness of his integrity - I Thess. 2:5

Paul said that the reason he did not come to Corinth was to spare them

Paul was afraid he might use sharpness if he were there - II Cor. 13:10

God is the One who makes us fellow workers - 1:24

Paul said that he did not have dominion over their faith

Paul was a servant not a dictator - I Cor. 3:5

Paul said that a servant corrects with humility - II Tim. 2:24-25

Paul and the whole team wanted to be examples - I Thess. 2:10-12

Paul said that they were fellow workers for their joy

Paul always viewed himself as a fellow worker - Rom. 1:12

Paul said that they were standing by faith

Paul said we walk by faith not by sight - II Cor. 5:7

Paul knew we can only resist Satan by faith - I Pet. 5:8-9

4. Paul had written to them with great sorrow - 2:1-4

Paul did not want to come to them in sorrow - 2:1

Paul had made a decision within himself

Paul had chosen to deal with the problem by letter - I Cor. 5:3

Paul had determined not to come to them in sorrow

Paul wanted to come to them in love and gentleness - I Cor. 4:21

Paul wanted to have a glad heart as he came to them - 2:2

Paul knew that he had made them sorrowful by confronting sin

Paul had suffered with them when he had confronted their sin - I Cor 12:26

Paul wanted to be made glad by those who had brought sorrow

Paul rejoiced that they had sorrowed to repentance - II Cor. 7:9-10

Paul wanted to be filled with joy when he came to them - 2:3

Paul decided to write before coming to visit

Paul decided to write so he could come in gentleness - I Cor 4:21-5:3

Paul did not want to have sorrow when he came

Paul said would have to mourn if they did not repent - II Cor. 12:21

Paul said if there was no repentance he would not spare - II Cor 13:1-2

Paul wanted to have joy when he visited

Paul had wanted to come earlier so they couple benefit twice - II Cor. 1:15

Paul wanted to share their joy with them

Paul could now rejoice because of their true repentance - II Cor 7:6-10

Paul said that he had great confidence in them - II Cor. 8:22

Paul had written with great sorrow because of his love - 2:4

Paul had experienced much affliction and anguish of heart

Paul had great sorrow because of their lack of obedience - Psalm 119:136

Paul had written the first letter with many tears

Paul followed the example of Christ in his love - Luke 19:41-44

Paul did not write them so they would be grieved

Paul wrote them because of the care that he had for them - II Cor. 7:12

Paul wanted them to know how much he loved them

Paul said he would gladly be spent for them - II Cor. 12:15

Paul wanted to present them as a pure virgin to Christ - II Cor. 11:2

B. the Lord gave encouragement for the repentant sinner - 2:5-11

1. Paul urged them to forgive and comfort - 2:5-8

the church had grief brought to them by the man who had sinned - 2:5

Paul understood that the sin had brought grief to the church
Paul had told the church how to carry out discipline - I Cor. 5:12-13
Paul urged the church not to be too severe
Paul says that we are to restore in gentleness - Gal. 6:1

the church had exercised the discipline that was needed - 2:6

the process of discipline had been inflicted by the church
the church at Corinth had disciplined the sinning brother - I Tim. 5:20
the punishment from the discipline was now enough
the church was now called to restore the brother in love - II Cor. 2:8

the church was now to forgive and comfort the man - 2:7

the church was to forgive the offender
the church is called to restore and bear burdens - Gal. 6:1-2
the church is to forgive as Christ forgave us - Eph. 4:32, Col. 3:13
the church is to count even those who sin as brothers - II Thess. 3:15
the church is to strengthen the hands of those who hang down - Heb. 12:12-14
the church was to comfort the offender
the church was to forgive and restore - II Cor. 2:10-11
the church would see him swallowed by sorrow otherwise
the church is to understand the two kinds of sorrow - II Cor. 7:10

the church was to reaffirm their love to the man - 2:8

the church was to take public action to forgive
the church was to serve the offender in love - Gal. 5:13
the church was to serve the offender by restoring - Gal. 6:1
the church was to serve the offender by bearing his burdens - Gal. 6:2
the church was to reaffirm their love
the church was to take the opportunity to do good - Gal. 6:10
the church would then practice the new commandment - John 13:34-35
the church was to be motivated by the love of Christ - II Cor. 5:14-15

2. Paul said he had also forgiven the man - 2:9-11

Paul had written to test their obedience - 2:9

Paul had written for a specific purpose

Paul had written so they would see his care for them - II Cor. 7:12

Paul had actually given the church a test

Paul had heard from Titus about their obedience - II Cor. 7:15

Paul had tested their obedience to the Lord

Paul had been able to observe their obedience to Christ - II Cor. 10:6

Paul had already forgiven the one who had sinned - 2:10

Paul urged them to forgive as he forgave

Paul knew that forgiveness was needed for joy to be restored - Ps. 51:12-14

Paul had forgiven the sinning brother

Paul had anguish of heart as he asked them to forgive - II Cor. 2:4

Paul urged them to forgive in the presence of Christ

Paul understood why Christ said we are to forgive sin - John 20:23

Paul warned that Satan might try to take advantage - 2:11

Paul warned that Satan might try to take advantage

Satan transforms himself as an angel of light - II Cor. 11:14

Satan is trying to deceive the whole world - Rev. 12:9

Satan is even trying to tempt and destroy Christians - I Cor. 7:5

Paul said that we are not ignorant of Satan's purpose

Satan has as his purpose to steal, to kill and to destroy - John 10:10

Satan is looking for people to devour and we are to resist him - I Pet. 5:8-9

Satan is our real enemy who with whom we are in conflict - Eph. 6:10-11

When a brother sins:



**We are to discipline and seek to restore
Matt. 18:15-17, Gal. 6:1**

When the brother repents:



**We are to forgive and reaffirm our love
Eph. 4:32, II Cor. 2:6-7**

C. the Lord used Titus in the life of Paul - 2:12-13

Paul had a door opened for ministry for him in Troas - 2:12

Paul had come to Troas to minister

Paul ministered in Troas several times - Acts 16:8, 20:5-6

Paul had come to Troas to preach Christ's gospel

Paul stopped this time while traveling from Ephesus to Macedonia - Acts 20:1

Paul had a door at Troas opened by the Lord

the Lord is the One who opened the door of faith to the Gentiles - Acts 14:27

the Lord had opened a door in Ephesus for Paul also - I Cor. 16:9

the Lord opens doors for us in answer to prayer - Col. 4:3

the Lord is the One who opens doors for us to minister - Rev. 3:7-8

Paul had no rest to go through that door without Titus coming - 2:13

Paul had no rest in his spirit

Paul was experiencing fears within - II Cor. 7:5

Paul had no rest because he did not find Titus

Paul only had rest after Titus came to him - II Cor. 7:6-7

Paul left even though there was an open door

Paul went from Ephesus to Macedonia through Troas - Acts 19:41-20:1

Paul went to Macedonia to find Titus

Paul needed to find Titus to be comforted - II Cor. 7:6

Paul needed the message of encouragement that Titus brought - II Cor. 7:7

Every Paul needs a Titus

Titus was a brother Paul felt he needed - II Cor. 2:13

Titus came to Paul when Paul needed comfort - II Cor. 7:5-6

Titus brought encouragement to Paul - II Cor. 7:7

Titus caused Paul to be filled with joy - II Cor. 7:13

Titus had the same concern for others as Paul - II Cor. 8:16

Titus was a partner and fellow worker of Paul - II Cor. 8:23

III. Paul's ministry to the Lord - 2:14-6:10

A. the Lord called Paul to a ministry of victory - 2:14-17

God is the One who leads us to triumph in Christ - 2:14

God is the One to whom we give thanks

we are to give thanks always for all things - Eph. 5:20

God is the One who leads us to triumph in Christ

we are more than conquerors through Christ who loved us - Rom. 8:37

God is the One who was spreading the sweetness of His knowledge by Paul

we see that God used Paul from Jerusalem to Illyricum - Rom. 15:19

God calls us to a ministry to both the saved and the perishing - 2:15

Paul said we are the fragrance of Christ to God

as we walk in Christ we bear His fragrance - Eph. 5:2

Paul said that this fragrance came to those who were saved

the message of Christ is the power of God to those who are saved - I Cor. 1:18

Paul said that this fragrance came to those who were perishing

the message of Christ is foolishness to those who are perishing - I Cor. 1:18

God says our message is both a message of death and of life - 2:16

To the perishing, they brought the aroma of death

those who reject judge themselves unworthy of everlasting life - Acts 13:45-46

To the saved, they brought the aroma of life

those who respond find light and salvation - Acts 13:47

To serve in our own strength, we do not have strength

we must recognize our sufficiency is from God - II Cor. 3:5-6

God says we are to speak from sincerity of heart - 2:17

Paul said he did not peddle the Word of God like many

there are many who give heed to deceiving spirits - I Tim. 4:1-3

there are many who teach for personal gain - Titus 1:11

Paul said that his message was with sincerity from God

the message of Paul was with simplicity and godly sincerity - II Cor. 1:12

Paul said that he gave his message in the sight of God

the message of Paul included the whole counsel of God - Acts 20:20, 27

B. the Lord called Paul to a ministry of changing lives - 3:1-3

Paul said he did not need a letter of commendation - 3:1

Paul said they did not need to commend themselves

Paul did not commend himself to the Corinthians - II Cor. 5:2

Paul said they did not need letters of commendation from others

Paul did not want to be included in those who commend themselves - II Cor. 10:12

Paul said they did not need letters of commendation from Corinth

Paul could have been commended by the Corinthians - II Cor. 12:11

Paul said that the Corinthians were his letter - 3:2

Paul said that the Corinthians were his letter

Paul had brought the Gospel to Corinth - I Cor. 9:1-2

Paul had laid the foundation for the church at Corinth - I Cor. 3:10

Paul had adopted the Corinthians as his spiritual children - I Cor. 4:15-16

Paul had urged the Corinthians to imitate him - I Cor. 4:16, 11:1

Paul said that the Corinthians were written in their hearts

Paul held the Corinthians in his heart because he loved them - II Cor. 7:3

Paul had begotten the Corinthians through the gospel - I Cor. 4:14-16

Paul said that this letter was known and read by all men

Paul knew the Corinthians were a seal of his apostleship - I Cor. 9:2

Paul knew that others were watching all Christians - I Thess. 1:8

Paul knew the testimony of Christians spreads throughout the world - Rom. 1:8

Paul said they were a letter written by the Spirit of God - 3:3

Paul said that they were a letter about how Christ transforms

we realize that it is only in Christ that we live - I Cor. 8:5-6

Paul said this was a letter written by the Spirit of God

we are the sons of the living God - Rom. 9:26

we are the temple of the living God - II Cor. 6:16

Paul said this letter was not written on stone like the Law

Moses had received the Law written on tablets of stone - Ex. 31:18

we know that the Law condemns but the Spirit gives life - II Cor. 3:6

Paul said this letter was written in the changed hearts of men

we have turned to God from idols to serve the living God - I Thess 1:9

we have been cleansed from dead works to serve the living God - Heb. 9:14

we have the laws of Christ written in our hearts - Heb. 8:10, 10:16

C. the Lord called Paul to a new covenant ministry - 3:4-18

1. God is the One who has made us sufficient - 3:4-6

Paul said we must have our trust in Christ - 3:4

Paul was trusting the Lord for victory

Paul knew that he always had victory through Christ - II Cor. 2:14

Paul was confident that Christ would work in others - Phil. 1:6

Paul knew that assurance was keeping him on course

Paul had as his goal to finish the race - I Cor. 9:24-27

Paul said we are not sufficient in ourselves - 3:5

we are not sufficient of ourselves

Paul understood that he was not sufficient in himself - II Cor. 2:16

God is the One who made us and teaches us what to say - Ex. 4:10-12

we cannot think of anything as being from ourselves

Paul realized that he had to depend on the power of God - II Cor. 4:7

Paul knew that he was nothing without Christ - John 15:5

we know our sufficiency is of God

God is the One who gives the increase - I Cor. 3:6

God is the One who gives us grace to serve - I Cor. 3:10

God is the One who works in us to complete His will - Phil. 2:13

God is the One who gives us strength to do what we do - Phil. 4:13

Paul said we are made able ministers of the new covenant - 3:6

God has made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant

God has called us to reconcile people to Himself - II Cor. 5:18-20

God has given us leaders to equip us for ministry - Eph. 4:11-12

God did this through the Spirit and not through the law

God says that the Spirit circumcises our hearts - Rom. 2:27-29

God delivered us so we can serve in the newness of the Spirit - Rom 7:6

God said that the law actually kills

God says that no one can be justified by the law - Gal. 3:10-12

God says that the law cannot give life - Gal. 3:21

God said that the Spirit gives life

God says that we are made alive by the Spirit - I Pet. 3:18

God says that Christ became a life giving Spirit - I Cor. 15:45

2. God has made the ministry of the Spirit glorious 3:7-11

the ministry of death was written in stones - 3:7

the ministry of the law brought death but was glorious

the commandments can only bring death - Rom. 7:10

the ministry of the law caused Moses to reflect the glory

Moses reflected the glory of God when he brought the law - Ex. 34:29-35

the glory was only temporary and passed away

Moses wore a veil that was only temporary - II Cor. 3:11

the ministry of the Spirit (the New Covenant) is more glorious - 3:8

the ministry of the Spirit is eternal

the Spirit keeps us in the love of Christ unto eternal life - Jude 20-21

the ministry of the Spirit is more glorious

the Spirit of the Lord provides liberty - II Cor. 3:17

the ministry of both death and life brings glory - 3:9

the ministry of condemnation has glory

that which has been done away with was glorious - II Cor. 3:11

the ministry of righteousness has much more glory

this ministry made us the righteousness of God - II Cor. 5:21

the ministry of life excels the ministry of death - 3:10

the ministry of death has no lasting glory

the things which bring personal gain have no benefit - Phil. 3:7-8

the ministry of the New Covenant excels

the ministry of the New Covenant received honor from the Father - II Pet. 1:17-21

the ministry that remains is more glorious - 3:11

the Law was glorious but passed away

the glory brought by the law quickly passed away - II Cor. 3:7

the New Covenant is more glorious and will not pass away

the righteousness of Christ reigns unto eternal life - Rom. 5:20-21

the ministry of Christ continues forever - Heb. 7:21-25

the new covenant made the old obsolete - Heb. 8:13

3. God said that the Jews had their minds blinded - 3:12-15

Paul said that he could use great plainness of speech - 3:12

Paul said that this glorious ministry gives us great hope
this hope provides us with an anchor for the soul - Heb. 6:17-20
Paul said this makes it possible to use great boldness of speech
Paul spoke with great boldness to the Corinthians - II Cor. 7:4

Paul said that Moses had to cover his face with a veil - 3:13

Moses brought the law and had to cover the glory on his face
Moses had to cover his face after meeting the Lord - Ex. 34:33-35
Moses was asked to cover his face because of that glory
Moses face reflected the glory of God - II Cor. 3:7
Moses had to keep his face covered until that glory passed away
Moses put on a veil to cover that glory - Ex. 34:33

Paul said the minds of the Jews were blinded - 3:14

the minds of the people of Israel were blinded
the god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers - II Cor. 4:3-4
the minds continue to be blinded unto this day - Rom. 11:7-8
the minds are still blinded today when the Old Testament is read
the Jews did not think that they were blind - John 9:39-41
the Jews had their minds blinded and their hearts hardened - John 12:40
the minds are blinded because only Christ can remove the veil
the Lord said that He will one day take away the veil - Is. 25:7-8
the Lord has caused the light to shine in our hearts - II Cor. 4:6

Paul said the Jews have a veil on their hearts - 3:15

the people of Israel still hear the Law read from the Old Testament
the people hear but do not understand - Acts 28:26-27
this failure to understand was predicted by Isaiah - Is. 6:9-10
this failure was the result of a lack of faith - Rom. 9:32
the people of Israel have a veil on their hearts when the Old Testament is read
the spiritual eyes of the nation of Israel were darkened - Ps. 69:23
this blindness has still not been taken away - John 9:39-41
this blindness of Israel will end when God chooses - Rom. 11:25-26

4. God said that the Spirit gives us liberty - 3:16-18

Paul said that the Lord takes away the veil - 3:16

God changes things when either Jews or Gentiles become Christians

the Lord promises not to forsake the Jews when they turn to Him - Deut. 4:30-31

the Lord promises to turn away ungodliness from Jacob - Rom. 11:25-27

the Lord promises to have mercy on all who turn to Him - Rom. 11:32

God takes away the veil of the heart as the Spirit reveals God's truth

the Spirit gives us spiritual understanding - I Cor. 2:10-13

Paul said that the Spirit of the Lord gives liberty - 3:17

the Lord is the Holy Spirit

it is the Spirit that gives life - John 6:63

the last Adam (Christ) became a life giving Spirit - I Cor. 15:45

the Spirit of the Lord is in the life of every Christian

the Spirit within us bears witness that we are children of God - Rom. 8:14-17

the Father has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts - Gal. 4:6

the Lord has given us His Spirit to empower our spirit - II Tim. 1:7

the Spirit of the Lord gives liberty to every Christian

we have been delivered from bondage into glorious liberty - Rom. 8:21

we are to stand fast in the liberty with which Christ has made us free - Gal. 5:1

we are to use our liberty to serve one another - Gal. 5:13

Paul said that we are being changed into the image of God - 3:18

the Lord has taken the veil off of our faces

this veil is done away in Christ - II Cor. 3:14

the Lord allows us to see the glory of the Lord in a mirror

we now see in a mirror darkly but then face to face - I Cor. 13:12

we have had the glory of God shine in our hearts - II Cor. 4:6

the Lord is transforming us into the image of Christ

the Lord has made us new creations - II Cor. 5:17

the Lord is conforming us to the image of Christ - Rom. 8:28-29

the Lord transforms us by the renewing of our minds - Rom. 12:2

the Lord transforms us as we make no provision for the flesh - Rom. 13:14

the Lord will cause us to bear the image of the heavenly man - I Cor. 15:49

the Lord is doing this through the power of the Holy Spirit

the Holy Spirit is the One who renews us - Titus 3:5

D. the Lord called Paul to a ministry of integrity - 4:1-6

1. Paul had a ministry that was honest - 4:1-2

Paul said that the Lord has given us a ministry - 4:1

we have received the ministry given by the Lord

the Lord has made us able ministers of the New Covenant - II Cor. 3:6

the Lord makes us His ministers by grace - Eph. 3:7-8

the Lord is the One who counts us faithful and put us into the ministry - I Tim. 1:13

we have also received mercy from the Lord

the Lord shows His mercy and reveals His longsuffering - I Tim. 1:15-16

the Lord showed mercy and made us the people of God - I Pet. 2:10

we do not lose heart because we have received this mercy

we do not faint because we wait on the Lord - Is. 40:30-31

we know that we will reap if we do not lose heart - Gal. 6:9-10

we can look to Christ to strengthen us - Phil. 4:13

we are not to grow weary in doing good - II Thess. 3:13

Paul said that he had renounced the things of this world - 4:2

Paul had renounced the hidden things of shame

Paul knew that the Lord reveals the counsels of the heart - II Cor. 4:5

Paul was not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ - Rom. 1:16

Paul said that we no longer want the things of which we are ashamed - Rom. 6:21

Paul said it is a shame to speak of the things done in secret - Eph. 5:12

Paul was not walking in craftiness

Paul was walking in simplicity and godly sincerity - II Cor. 1:12

Paul did not want Christians to be tossed to and fro - Eph. 4:14

Paul was not handling the Word of God deceitfully

Paul was not peddling the Word of God like many - II Cor. 2:17

Paul was aware that there were many false apostles - II Cor. 11:13-15

Paul was revealing the truth of the Word

Paul was concerned that their minds might be corrupted - II Cor. 11:3

Paul made it his goal to preach Christ - II Cor. 4:5

Paul had a clear conscience in the sight of God

Paul had made it his purpose to please God - I Thess. 2:3-5

Paul was focused on persuading men - II Cor. 5:11

Paul wanted to be pleasing to God in all things - II Cor. 6:4-7

Paul had a conscience that was void of offence toward God - Acts 24:16

2. Paul said that only God can give light to the blind - 4:3-6

Paul said that the Gospel is hidden to those who are perishing - 4:3

the Gospel is veiled to many people

this veil can only be taken away in Christ - II Cor. 3:14

the Gospel is hidden to those who are wise in this world - Matt. 11:25

the Gospel is veiled to all those who are still perishing

the Gospel is a message of death to those who are perishing - II Cor. 2:15-16

the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing - I Cor. 1:18

Paul said that the perishing have been blinded by Satan - 4:4

the minds of the perishing have been blinded by the god of this age

the god of this age who tries to blind minds is Satan - Matt. 4:8-9

the blinded are actually sacrificing to demons - I Cor. 10:20

the minds of the perishing do not believe

Satan has blinded their minds so they will not believe - II Cor. 3:14

Satan has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts - John 12:40

the minds of the perishing have not received the light of the Gospel

God is the source of this light of the Gospel - II Cor. 4:6

the minds of the perishing do not have the light of Christ shining in them

they love the darkness because their deeds are evil - John 3:19-20

Paul said that the message he preached was Christ - 4:5

Paul did not preach himself

Paul did not want to do anything in his own name - I Cor. 1:13-15

Paul did preach Jesus Christ

Paul preached Christ and Him crucified - I Cor. 2:2

Paul viewed himself a servant for Christ's sake

Paul did not live for himself any longer - II Cor. 5:14-15

Paul said that God has given light in our hearts - 4:6

God is the One who commanded the light to shine out of darkness

God is the source of light - Gen. 1:3, John 1:3-5, 9

God is the One who has shown in our hearts

God has changed us from darkness to light - Eph. 5:8

God is the One who brought the light of the glory of God

God called us out of darkness into His marvelous light - I Pet. 2:9

E. the Lord called Paul to a ministry of trials - 4:7-18

1. Paul said that the ministry involves suffering - 4:7-10

Paul said that the source of our power is God - 4:7

Paul said that we have a treasure in earthen vessels

this earthly vessel is our human body - II Cor. 5:1
we have Christ in us who is the hope of glory - Col. 1:27
we have the message of Christ in us to share with others - Eph. 3:8

Paul said that the source of power is God not us

we live in Christ by the power of God - II Cor. 13:4
God's strength will only be perfected in our weakness - II Cor. 12:7-9
God's power in us is resurrection power - Eph. 1:19-23

Paul said that we face many pressures - 4:8

we are pressed on every side but not crushed

Paul said he was burdened beyond measure - II Cor. 1:8-10
Paul had gone through much physical suffering - II Cor. 6:4
we are perplexed but not in despair
Paul knew that Christ had promised to come to us - John 14:18
Paul knew that the Lord will deliver us - I Cor 10:13

Paul said that the pressures do not destroy - 4:9

we are persecuted but not forsaken

Paul had been comforted by the coming of Titus - II Cor. 7:6
we are struck down but not destroyed
Paul had suffered many things in his ministry - II Cor. 11:24-27
Paul gloried in his weakness and Christ's strength - II Cor. 12:9-10

Paul said we reveal the life of Christ in our body - 4:10

Paul carried in his own body scars like Christ

Paul had been beaten and stoned - II Cor. 11:24-25
Paul had even despaired of life - II Cor. 1:9-10
Paul said the life of Christ was seen in his body
Paul said if we die with Christ we also live with Him - II Tim. 2:11-12
we can rejoice when we partake of Christ's sufferings - I Pet. 4:13-14

2. Paul said that we look forward to resurrection - 4:11-15

Paul said the life of Christ is to be revealed in our lives - 4:11

we are delivered to death for Christ's sake

we are to yield our lives up to death so that we live in Christ - Rom. 8:35-37

we have the example of Paul who died to self daily - I Cor. 15:31

we are to reveal the life of Christ in our body

we have the Holy Spirit in us who gives life to our bodies - Rom. 8:11

Paul said that death was working in his life - 4:12

Paul said that death was working in him

Paul was willing to spend and be spent for others - II Cor. 12:15

Paul said that life was working in the Christians

Paul willingly laid down his life for the brethren - Phil 2:17

Paul said that faith was working in his life - 4:13

Paul said we have the same spirit of faith

Paul realized that we minister to one another by our faith - Rom. 1:12

Paul said that his faith was like that of David

Paul followed the example of David in looking to the Lord - Ps. 116:10

Paul expected the Lord to also deliver him

Paul had his hope in the Lord - II Cor. 3:12

Paul knew that the Lord will raise us up - 4:14

the Father raised Christ from the dead

Paul knew God would raise him as God raised Christ - I Cor. 6:14

the Father would also raise Paul up

Paul looked forward to this eternal life - II Cor. 5:1-4

the Father would present Paul with the Corinthians

Paul looked forward to presenting the Corinthians to Christ - II Cor. 11:2

Paul said that all things were working to bring glory to God - 4:15

Paul said all that happened was for their sake - II Cor 1:4-6

Paul said that grace had spread through the many - II Tim. 2:10

Paul said this would cause thanksgiving to the glory of God - Col. 3:16-17

3. Paul said that our inward man is renewed daily - 4:16-18

Paul said that the outward perishes and the inward is renewed - 4:16

Paul said they did not lose heart

Paul knew he had received mercy so did not lose heart - II Cor. 4:1

Paul continued to abound in the work of the Lord - I Cor. 15:58

Paul said that the outward body was perishing

Paul had the same confidence about the future as Job - Job 19:26-27

Paul knew that his flesh and his physical life would fail - Ps. 73:26

Paul knew that the righteous are taken from the evil and enjoy peace - Is. 57:1-2

Paul knew that Christ's strength was revealed in his weakness - II Cor. 12:9

Paul said that the inward man was being renewed daily

Paul knew that those who wait on the Lord renew their strength - Is. 40:31

Paul knew that Christ transforms us from within - Rom. 12:2, Eph. 4:23

Paul encouraged all Christians to put on the new man - Col. 3:10

Paul prayed that the inner of man of others would be strengthened - Eph. 3:16

Paul said that his focus was on the eternal not the present - 4:17

Paul viewed his light affliction as something that would last for a moment

Paul considered his suffering only light affliction - II Cor. 11:23-28

Paul said that the reward in glory would be eternal

Paul was looking to the eternal reward - I Cor. 2:9-10

Paul said he was looking at the eternal things which are not seen - 4:18

Paul was not looking at the things which could be seen on earth

Paul was walking by faith and not by sight - II Cor. 5:7

Paul was eagerly looking forward with hope and perseverance - Rom. 8:24-25

Paul was looking at the things which cannot be seen

Paul was looking to the future with faith - Heb. 11:1

Paul had the same viewpoint that Christ had - Heb. 12:2-3

Paul said that the things that are seen are temporary

Paul realized that the things of the world are only temporary - Heb. 11:25

Paul knew that the world is passing away - I John 2:15-17

Paul said that the things that are not seen are eternal

Paul endured because he looked to the eternal - Heb. 11:26-27

Paul knew that God provides everlasting encouragement - II Thess. 2:16

Paul was looking forward to the promise of eternal life - I John 2:25

F. the Lord called Paul to a ministry of eternal value - 5:1-9

1. Paul was looking forward to the heavenly body - 5:1-5

Paul said our physical body would be destroyed but not the eternal - 5:1

Paul knew that the physical body would be destroyed - Job 19:25-26

Paul looked for a new body made by God - I John 3:2

Paul said this new body would be eternal in the heavens - John 14:2-3

Paul said our physical body is eagerly looking for the eternal - 5:2

Paul said we groan in our earthly body

Paul knew that this physical body is wearing out - II Cor. 5:4

Paul said we can look forward to our eternal body

Paul looked forward to the redemption of our body - Rom. 8:23

Paul looked forward to being clothed in that new body - 5:3

Paul said that we have an eternal body

we know the eternal body will not depend on human clothing - Gen. 3:7-11, 21

Paul said that the resurrection body provides eternal clothing

we are to seek the eternal clothing that lasts - Rev. 3:18

Paul wanted to see physical death swallowed up in life - 5:4

Paul said that we groan in this physical body

our earthly body is viewed as a tent - II Peter 1:13-14

Paul said we would be more completely clothed with our eternal body

our mortal body will put on immortality - I Cor. 15:53-54

Paul said that death would be swallowed up in life

our new body will have victory over death - I Cor. 15:55-57

Paul said we have been given the Spirit as a guarantee of that life - 5:5

God is the One who has prepared this eternal body for us

the Lord will provide redemption for our body - Rom. 8:23

God is the One who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee

the Holy Spirit is only our downpayment - II Cor. 1:22, Eph. 1:13-14

2. Paul was looking forward to being with the Lord - 5:6-9

Paul was looking forward with confidence - 5:6

Paul said he was confident at all times

Paul was confident and looked forward to great reward - Heb. 10:35

Paul recognized he was still living in a human body

Paul looked forward to the day his body would be transformed - Phil. 3:20-21

Paul said that this prevented him from being with the Lord

Paul looked forward to being present with the Lord - Phil. 1:21-23

Paul was walking by faith - 5:7

Paul said that he walked by faith

Paul had learned the importance of living by faith - Gal. 2:20

Paul knew that the just live by faith - Heb. 10:38

Paul said he did not walk by sight

Paul did not depend on the things that could be seen - II Cor. 4:18

Paul wanted to be present with the Lord - 5:8

Paul was filled with confidence

Paul was ready to die for the Lord - Acts 21:13

Paul was very willing to be absent from the human body

Paul wanted to magnify the Lord by life or by death - Phil. 1:20-24

Paul was looking forward to being present with the Lord

Paul was only concerned to finish well his present life - II Tim. 4:7-8

Paul looked forward to being accepted by God - 5:9

Paul had a goal in all that he did

Paul kept his eyes focused on the goal - I Cor. 9:24-27

Paul had a goal to be steadfast and unmovable - I Cor. 15:58

Paul had a goal to present every man mature in Christ - Col. 1:28-29

Paul wanted to please the Lord whatever happened

Paul wanted all he did to please the Lord - I Tim. 4:9-10

Paul kept his focus on the eternal - II Pet. 1:10-11

Paul wanted to be accepted by Christ

Paul knew that he was already accepted in Christ - Eph. 1:6

Paul wanted to serve God in an acceptable way - Heb. 12:28

G. the Lord called Paul to a ministry motivated by love - 5:10-21

1. Paul said we are to persuade men - 5:10-13

Paul said we will stand before the judgment seat of Christ - 5:10

Paul said we will all stand at the judgment seat of Christ
every one of us will give an account of ourselves to God - Rom. 14:10-12

Paul said we will all receive according to what we have done
every person will reap as he or she has sowed - Gal. 6:7-8

Paul said that is true whether we have done good or bad
the believer will receive rewards - I Cor. 3:11-16
the unbeliever will receive judgment for his deeds - Rev. 20:11-15

Paul said this should cause us to persuade people - 5:11

Paul said that we know the terror of the Lord
that is why we save some with fear - Jude 22-23

Paul said that terror causes us to persuade men
we know that people without Christ face eternal judgment - Mark 9:43-50

Paul said that his integrity was known to God
Paul was concerned that he did all to please God - II Cor. 2:17

Paul trusted that his integrity was recognized by them
Paul trusted that the Corinthians recognized his integrity - II Cor. 1:12-14

Paul was not among those who boasted about what they did - 5:12

Paul did not boast about his own efforts
Paul let his ministry speak for itself - II Cor. 3:1

Paul said they could see his integrity
Paul would not compare himself with others - II Cor. 10:12

Paul knew that others were boasting about their own efforts
Paul said those who were boasting were false apostles - II Cor. 11:12-15

Paul said that such boasting did not come from a heart of integrity
Paul said he would boast only in the cross of Christ - Gal. 6:12-14

Paul did what he did to please God and serve others - 5:13

Paul was devoted to the truth - II Cor. 12:6
Paul said that he behaved with integrity before them - I Cor. 11:1

2. Paul said we are to be motivated by the love of Christ - 5:14-17

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Paul was compelled to act by the love of Christ

Christ became poor for our sakes to give us spiritual riches - II Cor. 8:8-9

Christ humbled Himself, became a servant and died for us - Phil. 2:5-8

Paul was compelled by the fact that Christ died for all

Christ died for the sins of the whole world - I John 2:2

Paul was compelled by the fact that all faced death without Christ

Christ died for us while we were spiritually dead and made us alive - Col. 2:13-14

Paul said we are to live for the One who died for us - 5:15

Paul reminded them that Christ died for all

Christ died for both the dead and the living - Rom. 14:7-9

Paul said we should no longer live for ourselves

Christ now calls us to live according to the will of God - I Pet. 4:1-4

Paul said we should live for Christ who died for us

Christ calls us to yield to Him instead of to sin - Rom. 6:13-16

Paul said we should live for the One who lives again

Christ calls us to work to carry out His will - Heb. 13:20-21

Paul no longer focused on the external acts of men - 5:16

Paul no longer evaluated men by the standards of the world

Paul did not want to measure people by worldly standards - II Cor. 10:12

Paul no longer made a worldly evaluation of Christ

Paul realized his own efforts were like rubbish - Phil. 3:7-11

Paul focused on the fact we are a new creation in Christ - 5:17

Paul said that we become a new creation in Christ

we are in Christ who became for us wisdom from God - I Cor. 1:30-31

Paul said that the former things that motivated us are gone

we have been raised in Christ to walk in newness of life - Rom. 6:4-6

we have been called to put on the new man - Eph. 4:22-24

Paul said that we now live for those things that are eternal

we are called to conduct ourselves in holy conduct and godliness - II Pet. 3:10-13

we are to seek the things that are above - Col. 3:1-10

3. Paul said we are to be ambassadors for Christ - 5:18-21

Paul said we have been given the ministry of reconciliation - 5:18

Paul said all these changes have been accomplished by God

God is the One who created all things by Christ - Col. 1:16-17

Paul reminds us that we have been reconciled to God

God reconciled us to Himself through Christ - Rom. 5:1, 10-11

Paul said we have now been given the ministry of reconciliation

God called us to be witnesses of the resurrection - Acts 24:47-49

Paul said we have been given the word of reconciliation - 5:19

God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself

God was in Christ and can to restore that relationship with man - John 17:23

God not longer holds sin against those who trust Christ

God does not impute sin to those who trust in Christ - Rom. 4:6-8

God has also given to us the ministry of reconciliation

God gave us this ministry to the world - II Cor. 5:18

Paul said we are ambassadors for Christ - 5:20

Christ calls all believers to be ambassadors

God has made us able ministers of the new covenant - II Cor. 3:6

God calls us to present every person mature in Christ - Col. 1:25-29

Christ calls us to speak to others for God

Christ sent us just as the Father sent Him - John 20:21

Christ calls us to go and bring forth fruit that remains - John 15:16

Christ lets us encourage others to be reconciled to God

God sends us to open the eyes of the spiritually blind - Acts 26:17-18

Paul said we have received the righteousness of Christ - 5:21

God made Christ who knew no sin to be sin for us

Christ became sin for us - Is. 53:4-6, 9-12

Christ became a man like us to condemn our sin in the flesh - Rom. 8:3-4

God chose to make us the righteousness of God in Christ

Christ caused us to become new creations in Christ - II Cor. 5:17

Christ is the end of the law to those who believe - Rom. 10:3-4

Christ made it possible for us to receive His righteousness - Phil. 3:9

H. the Lord called Paul to a supernatural ministry - 6:1-10

1. Paul said we are workers together with God - 6:1-4

Paul urges us not to receive the grace of God in vain - 6:1

Paul realized that we work together with Christ

we are laborers together with God - I Cor. 3:9

Paul urged the Corinthians not to receive the grace of God in vain

we are not to set aside the grace of God - Gal. 2:21

Paul said now is the time for salvation - 6:2

God said that He hears people in an acceptable time

this is the reason why Christ came to this earth - Luke 4:18-19

God said that He helps people in the day of salvation

this is the promise that God many many years before Christ - Is. 49:8

God used Paul to remind that this is that acceptable time

this is an acceptable time and we are not to harden our hearts - Heb. 3:13-15

God used Paul to remind that this is the day of salvation

this is the day for people to hear His voice - Heb. 4:7

Paul said we are to give no offence by what we do - 6:3

Paul said that he did not do anything that would give offence

Paul conducted his ministry with simplicity and godly sincerity - II Cor. 1:12

Paul did not want his ministry to be blamed in any way

Paul had as his goal the well being of others - I Cor. 10:23-24

Paul did not want to give offence to either the Jews or the Gentiles - I Co. 10:32-33

Paul said we are to act as the servants of God - 6:4

Paul said we are to carry ourselves as the servants on God in all things

Paul focused on the fact that God has made us ministers - II Cor. 3:6

Paul said that we are to act as the servants of God when we suffer

Paul said that suffering and serving go together - II Tim. 3:10-12

Paul viewed affliction with an eternal viewpoint - II Cor. 4:17

Paul made it his goal not to be a burden to the Corinthians - II Cor. 11:9

Paul realized that true strength is found in our own weakness - II Cor. 12:10

Paul wanted to serve in the power of God - II Cor. 4:8-11

2. Paul said we work with a true love - 6:5-7

Paul said he had endured suffering - 6:5

some of this suffering was from others

Paul had experienced beatings and imprisonment - II Cor. 11:24-25

Paul had spent two years in prison in Caesarea - Acts 24:27

Paul had spent two years in prison in Rome - Acts 28:16-17,30

some of this suffering was a result of his ministry

Paul had a great concern for the churches - II Cor. 11:28-29

Paul spent time night and day warning Christians - Acts 20:31

Paul worked hard to spread the Gospel - I Tim. 4:10

Paul shared what God had done in and through him - 6:6

Paul said God had ministered in his life

Paul had taken advantage of no one - II Cor. 7:2

Paul had provided an example to follow - I Thess. 2:10-12

Paul encouraged his team to be an example - I Tim. 4:12, Titus 2:7

Paul had demonstrated the fruit of the Spirit - Gal. 5:22-23

Paul had ministered through the Holy Spirit

Paul walked in the power of the Spirit - Ga. 5:16, 18

Paul had ministered in love

Paul had shown the tender love of a mother - I Thess. 2:7

Paul had adopted them as his spiritual children - I Cor. 4:15-16

Paul shared how God had ministered through him - 6:7

Paul had ministered by the word of truth

Paul ministered from the Scriptures - Col. 1:5

Paul said all the promises of God are certain - II Cor. 1:18-20

Paul brought every thought to Christ - II Cor. 10:4-5

Paul said God had ministered by His power

Paul knew that God had resurrection power - Eph. 1:19-20

Paul had seen God verify his ministry by power - Heb. 2:4

Paul knew that God can do more than we can imagine - Eph. 3:20

Paul had ministered through the armor of righteousness

Paul said we are to put on the Lord Jesus Christ - Rom. 13:12-14

Paul said we are to put on the whole armor of God - Eph. 6:11

Paul said we can stand in the armor of God - Eph. 6:13-14

3. Paul said we always to rejoice - 6:8-10

Paul was able to rejoice when he was called a deceiver - 6:8

Paul could rejoice whether he was honored or dishonored

Paul did not care if he was shown no honor - I Cor. 4:10-13

Paul could rejoice when he was beaten and put in jail - Acts 16:20-23

Paul could rejoice whether he received a good report or an evil report

Paul could rejoice when others gave him an evil report - Acts 24:5-6

Paul knew that his teaching had been spoken against - Acts 28:22

Paul could rejoice when he was called a deceiver because he knew he was true

Paul knew that Christ had been called a deceiver - John 7:12

Paul knew like Christ his teaching spoke for itself - John 7:17

Paul was able to rejoice even though he became unknown to the Jews - 6:9

Paul was considered unknown by the Jews even though he had been well known

the Jews had begun to plan to kill him soon after he trusted Christ - Acts 9:29

the Jews in Thessalonica tried to kill him - Acts 17:5, 13

the Jews in Jerusalem wanted to kill him - Acts 22:22

the Jews had asked for a judgment against Paul - Acts 25:14-15

Paul was able to rejoice when facing death because he knew he had life

Paul prayed and sang praises in prison - Acts 16:25

Paul could rejoice because the Gospel was spreading - Phil. 1:12-21

Paul could rejoice when he suffered or even faced death

Paul knew that the Lord would deliver him - II Tim. 4:17-18

Paul knew that he would be put to death and still rejoiced - II Tim. 4:6-8

Paul was able to rejoice because he was able to make many rich - 6:10

Paul could rejoice in sorrow

Paul had experienced much affliction and suffering - II Cor. 2:4

Paul could rejoice in poverty as he made others rich

Paul followed the example of Christ to make others rich - II Cor. 8:9

Paul was the least of the saints but shared the riches of Christ - Eph. 3:8

Paul was concerned about the riches for the inner man - Eph. 3:16

Paul also encouraged others to be rich in good works - I Tim. 6:18

Paul could rejoice in nothing because he had all things

Paul was content in whatever state he was in - Phil. 4:11-12

Paul was focused on the eternal reward - I Tim. 4:8-11

IV. Paul's encouragement to the Corinthians - 6:11-7:16

A. the Lord encouraged them to be open to Paul - 6:11-13

Paul had shown his love for the Corinthians - 6:11

Paul had spoken openly to the Corinthians

Paul wanted to speak with them from an upright heart like Job - Job 33:2-3

Paul wanted them to know his love for them - II Cor. 2:4

Paul wanted to build them up in love - II Cor. 12:19

Paul had revealed his heart to the Corinthians

Paul had opened his heart and wanted them to open their hearts - II Cor. 7:3-4

Paul had written to them and shared his heart - II Cor. 2:4

Paul was glad to give to the Corinthians because he loved them - II Cor. 12:15

Paul told what restricted the love of the Corinthians - 6:12

the Corinthians were not restricted by Paul

Paul did not hold back in his love for the Corinthians - I Cor. 4:15

Paul was willing to suffer for the Corinthians - II Cor. 1:6

Paul did not want to speak harshly to the Corinthians - II Cor. 1:23

Paul did all he did for the sake of other Christians - II Cor. 4:15

Paul would gladly be spent for the Corinthians - II Cor. 12:14-15

the Corinthians were restricted by the own affections

Paul felt the Corinthians were holding back in their love - I Cor. 4:11-12

Paul wanted them to become motivated by love - II Cor. 5:14-15

Paul encouraged the Corinthians to respond to his love - 6:13

Paul had let them know his love for them

Paul spoke to them as his children - I Cor. 4:14-15

Paul often showed the care of a father for children - Gal. 4:19

Paul provided the tender care of a mother - I Thess. 2:7-9

Paul provided the godly example of a father - I Thess. 2:10-12

Paul encouraged them to be open with him

the Corinthians needed to grow spiritually - I John 2:12-14

the Corinthians needed to practice righteousness - I John 3:7

the Corinthians needed to learn to love by their actions - I John 3:18

the Corinthians needed to seek the approval of the Lord - II Cor. 10:18

B. the Lord encouraged them to separate from evil - 6:14-7:1

1. Paul said we are not to be unequally yoked - 6:14-16

Christ are not to unequally yoked with unbelievers - 6:14

Paul said we are not to be joined together with unbelievers

the Jews were not to be yoked with the Ammonites or Moabites - Neh. 13:1-3

the Jews were not to be married to ungodly nations - Neh. 13:23-26

Paul reminds us there is no fellowship between good and evil

we cannot fellowship with both God and demons - I Cor. 10:21

we are not to be joined with evil company - I Cor. 15:33

Paul reminds us there is no communion between light and darkness

we are the children of light - I Thess. 5:4-8

we have been called out of darkness into light - I Pet. 2:9-10

we can not fellowship with God while walking in darkness - I John 1:5-7

Christians are not to be yoked together with Satan - 6:15

Paul reminds us that Christ does not join Himself with Satan

there can be no agreement between God and demons - I Cor. 10:20-21

Paul reminds us that believers are not to join with unbelievers

we have life and they do not have life - I John 5:11-13

Christians are to be the temple of God - 6:16

Paul said there is no agreement between the temple of God and idols

we are to keep ourselves from idols - I John 5:20-21

Paul reminds Christians that we are the temple of God

our bodies are the temple of God - I Cor. 6:19-20

we are not to defile the temple of God - I Cor. 3:16-17

Paul reminds us that God dwells in us and walks with us

God promised to walk with Israel in the past - Lev. 26:11-12

Christ said the Holy Spirit would dwell within us - John 14:17

God sent the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost - Acts 2:1-4

God said all Christians have the Holy Spirit - Rom. 8:9

God said the Holy Spirit dwells in us - II Tim. 1:14

God is our God and we are to be His people

we have been built together a dwelling place for God - Eph 2:22

God also promises that Israel will be His people - Heb. 8:10

2. Paul said we are to cleanse ourselves from filthiness - 6:17-7:1

God calls us to separate from unholy unions - 6:17

we are to come out from among the unbelievers
we are not to walk in the counsel of the ungodly - Ps. 1:1-3
we are to separate ourselves to God
we are to separate ourselves from sinful habits - Eph. 5:6-12
we are to separate ourselves from idolatrous practices - II Tim. 2:19-21
we are not to touch the unclean thing
we have been saved from this sinful generation - Acts 2:40
we are to follow the example of Christ - Heb. 7:26
we can know that God accepts us
we are to accept others as God already accepted us - Rom. 15:7

God calls us to live as sons and daughters - 6:18

God promises to be a Father to us
God has adopted us as His sons - Gal 4:4-7
God says we are His sons
we become the sons of God at salvation - John 1:12
we become the son of God by faith in Christ - Gal. 3:26
God says we are His daughters
we all become the children of God - Rom. 8:14-17

God calls us to cleanse ourselves - 7:1

God has given us His promises
God has given us enduring promises - II Cor. 1:20
God views us as His dearly beloved
God has called us to share His glory and virtue - II Pet. 1:4-8
God calls us to cleanse ourselves from filthiness of the flesh
God calls us to cleanse ourselves daily from sin - I John 1:7, 9
God calls us to cleanse ourselves from filthiness of the spirit
God calls us to separate from spiritual filthiness - I Cor. 10:16-21
God calls us to perfect holiness in the fear of God
God calls for us to strive for spiritual maturity - Phil. 3:13-15
God calls us to establish our hearts blameless in holiness - I Thess. 3:13
God wants to conform us to the image of Christ - Rom. 8:28-29
God promises that one day we will be like Christ - I John 3:2-3

C. the Lord wanted to assure them of Paul's love - 7:2-16

1. Paul had a great love for the Corinthians - 7:2-4

Paul had never taken advantage of any of them - 7:2

Paul asked the Corinthians to open their hearts to him

Paul said he was willing to be spent for them - II Cor. 12:14-15

Paul felt that they were holding back their love from him - II Cor. 6:11-12

Paul said he had wronged no man

Paul had conducted himself with godly sincerity - II Cor. 1:12

Paul said that he had corrupted no man

Paul could not be accused of corrupting their morals - I Cor. 15:33

Paul could not be accused corrupt character - I Thess. 2:3-6

Paul said he had defrauded no man

Paul did not make personal gain from them - II Cor. 12:17

Paul said that the Corinthians were in his heart - 7:3

Paul did not speak to them to condemn them

Paul had written to them because of his love - II Cor. 2:4-5

Paul wrote to them as his beloved children - I Cor. 4:14-15

Paul said the Corinthians were written in his heart - II Cor. 3:2

Paul said that he was willing to die for them

Paul said they were in his heart - II Cor. 6:11-12

Paul said he was willing to live for them

Paul was willing to serve others day and night - I Thess. 2:8-9

Paul was willing to spend and be spent for them - II Cor. 12:15

Paul said that he spoke to them with great boldness - 7:4

Paul said that he was bold in speaking to them

Paul spoke boldly because of the hope he had - II Cor. 3:12

Paul said he often boasted on their behalf

Paul had boasted about them to the Macedonians - II Cor. 9:2-4

Paul said he was filled with comfort

Paul had received comfort from the report of Titus - II Cor. 7:6-7

Paul was often comforted by the faith of Christians - I Thess. 3:7-9

Paul said he was very joyful in suffering

Paul was able to rejoice even in sorrow - II Cor. 6:10

2. Paul had a need for encouragement - 7:5-7

Paul had to deal with many conflicts - 7:5

Paul had no rest when he came to Macedonia

Paul went to Macedonia on his way to Corinth - II Cor. 1:16-17, Acts 20:1

Paul had already looked for Titus at Troas - II Cor. 2:12-13

Paul had the external conflicts from persecution

Paul suffered much pressure and opposition - II Cor. 4:8-12

Paul had faced fierce opposition in Corinth - I Cor 15:31-32

Paul had internal conflicts from care for the churches

Paul had a deep concern for all of the churches - II Cor. 11:28-29

Paul was concerned that they would have right attitudes - II Cor. 12:20-21

Paul was afraid that he might have labored in vain - Gal. 4:11

Paul had received comfort through Titus - 7:6

Paul said that God is the One who comforts the downcast

God is the source of all comfort who comforts us in tribulation - II Cor. 1:3-4

God causes us to triumph even when downcast - II Cor. 2:12-14

God comforts us through the Holy Spirit - John 14:16-18

God is the God of patience and comfort - Rom. 15:5

God is the One who provides everlasting comfort - II Thess. 2:16-17

Paul said that God used Titus to bring comfort to him

Paul had been comforted by other Christians from Corinth - I Cor. 16:17-18

Paul was looking for Titus to bring comfort - II Cor. 2:13

Paul tells how God used Titus to bring that comfort - 7:7

Titus brought comfort by his coming

Titus had the same concern for Corinth as Paul - II Cor. 8:16

Titus brought comfort by his message of encouragement

Titus was the one Paul wanted to encourage him - II Cor. 2:12-13

Titus told how he had been encouraged by the Corinthians

Titus had his spirit refreshed by the Corinthians - II Cor. 7:13

Titus was a fellow helper with Paul - II Cor. 8:23

Titus told about the repentance of the Corinthians

Titus was encouraged to see his own people turn to the Lord - Gal. 2:3

Titus told about the positive response to Paul's earlier letter

Titus told how the Corinthians had responded to the letter - II Cor. 7:13

3. Paul explained the meaning of true repentance - 7:8-10

Paul told how he felt about sending the earlier letter - 7:8

Paul knew that he had caused the Corinthians to sorrow

Paul had experienced much sorrow himself in writing to them - II Cor. 2:1-4

Paul had later experienced comfort in their repentance - II Cor. 7:13

Paul did not regret that he had caused the Corinthians to sorrow

Paul knew that sorrow was necessary to bring repentance - II Cor. 2:6-8

Paul realized that they had only been sorry for a period of time

Paul realized that their sorrow had brought repentance - II Cor. 2:6-11

Paul rejoiced that they had sorrowed to repentance - 7:9

Paul was now able to rejoice that they had experienced sorrow

Paul realized that his message had brought victory - II Cor. 2:14-16

Paul was rejoicing because their sorrow led to repentance

Paul's message always focused on repentance - Acts 20:21

Paul said they had been sorry in a godly manner

Paul said that their sorrow had produced true repentance - II Cor. 7:10-13

Paul said that he did not want to cause them to experience loss

Paul did what he did for their edification - II Cor. 10:8

Paul distinguished godly sorrow and worldly sorrow - 7:10

Paul said godly sorrow produces repentance

true repentance produces the acknowledging of the truth - II Tim. 2:25

true repentance causes God to forgive - Jonah 3:9-10

Paul said this kind of sorrow leads to salvation

true repentance removes people from the snare of the devil - II Tim. 2:26

true repentance leads to forgiveness of sins and an inheritance - Acts 26:18

true repentance reconciles people to God - II Cor 5:18-19

Paul said this kind of sorrow should not be regretted

true repentance blots out our sins - Acts 3:19

true repentance leads to eternal life - Acts 11:18

true repentance produces joy in heaven - Luke 16:7, 10

Paul said the sorrow of the world produces death

worldly sorrow produces bitterness and ultimate rejection - Heb. 12:15-17

worldly sorrow was demonstrated by Judas - Matt. 27:3-5

worldly sorrow leaves people in bondage - Heb. 2:14-15

4. Paul thanked God for their growth - 7:11-13

Paul said that the Corinthians had demonstrated true repentance -7:11

the Corinthians had demonstrated true repentance

the Corinthians had shown the sorrow of true repentance - II Cor. 7:9

the Corinthians had shown this repentance in several ways

the Corinthians had demonstrated eagerness to follow righteousness - II Cor. 7:7

the Corinthians had shown a desire to clear their name - Eph. 5:11

the Corinthians had shown anger over their own sins - Eph. 4:26

The Corinthians had shown godly fear and reverence - Phil. 2:12

the Corinthians had shown a strong desire for restoration - I John 1:9

the Corinthians had zeal to show their love for Christ - II Cor. 5:14-15

the Corinthians had shown great desire to correct the wrong - II Cor. 2:6-8

the Corinthians had chosen to clear themselves

the Corinthians had a strong desire to be pure and holy - II Cor. 6:17-7:1

the Corinthians were learning to practice their new life - II Cor. 5:17

Paul had written to the Corinthians because of his care for them - 7:12

Paul did not write his rebuke for the one who did wrong

Paul had written this rebuke to test their obedience - II Cor. 2:9

Paul had written his rebuke to bring true repentance - II Cor. 7:9

Paul did not write his rebuke for those who had been wronged

Paul realized the whole church had suffered from sin - I Cor. 5:6-8

Paul wrote his rebuke because of his love and care for them

Paul had a great care and concern for all of the churches - II Cor. 11:28

Paul wrote because he was motivated by the love of Christ - II Cor. 5:14-15

Paul had comfort and joy at their repentance - 7:13

Paul had comfort in their comfort

Paul wanted everyone to experience joy - II Cor. 2:3

Paul wanted them all to rejoice together - I Cor. 12:26

Paul had joy as he saw the joy of Titus

Paul had seen how their repentance encouraged Titus - II Cor. 7:15

Paul saw the joy in his partner, Titus - II Cor. 8:23

Paul had joy to see the spirit of Titus refreshed

Paul saw that Titus had been comforted by their repentance - II Cor. 7:6-7

Paul knew that Titus also had a great concern for them - II Cor. 8:16

5. Paul said Titus also had a great concern for them - 7:14-16

Paul had boasted about the Corinthians to Titus - 7:14

this boasting about the Corinthians had been done by Paul

Paul was able to speak to the Corinthians with great boldness - II Cor. 7:4

Paul had boasted to other churches about the Corinthians - II Cor. 8:24

this boasting did not make Paul feel ashamed

Paul said that his word about them was certain - II Cor. 1:18-20

this boasting had been spoken out of truth

Paul had said that they would repent - II Cor. 2:6-9

this boasting had proven to be true

Paul saw that the Corinthians had truly repented - II Cor. 7:9-10

Paul said that Titus had developed a great love toward the Corinthians - 7:15

Titus felt inward affection toward the Corinthians

Paul knew Titus had also invested his life in the Corinthians - II Cor. 8:23

Titus remembered the obedience of the Corinthians

Paul had been concerned that the Corinthians would be obedient - II Cor. 2:9

Titus remembered that they had accepted him with fear

Paul said that Titus had begun a good work in them - II Cor. 8:6

Titus remembered that they had accepted him with trembling

Paul said that Titus had the same spirit as he had - II Cor. 12:18

Paul told about the joy that he had - 7:16

Paul was filled with rejoicing

Paul rejoiced at their repentance - II Cor. 7:9

Paul could rejoice even in sorrow - II Cor. 6:10

Paul rejoiced when he heard a good report about them - II Cor. 7:7

Paul rejoiced that the Corinthians were strong - II Cor. 13:9

Paul had confidence in the Corinthians

Paul had a close relationship with them - I Cor. 4:15-17

Paul had joy over their repentance - II Cor. 7:9

Paul had joy because of their desire to clear themselves - II Cor. 7:11

Paul had confidence in them in all things

Paul had confidence they would share with others - II Cor. 9:7-15

Paul often had confidence in new Christians - II Thess. 3:4

Paul had confidence that others would do more than he asked - Phil. 2:1

V. Paul's collection for the poor at Jerusalem - 8:1-9:15

A. the Lord reviewed other patterns of giving - 8:1-9

1. Paul spoke of the giving of the Macedonians - 8:1-5

the Macedonians had experienced the grace of God - 8:1

Paul wanted the Corinthians to understand the grace of God
God was able to make this same grace abound to the Corinthians - II Cor. 9:8
Paul said this grace was modeled by the churches of Macedonia
God was pleased with the attitude of the Macedonians - II Cor. 8:5

the Macedonians had given out of deep poverty - 8:2

the Macedonians had experienced great affliction
the Macedonians had received Christ amid much affliction - I Thess. 1:6
the Macedonians were experiencing deep poverty
the Macedonians were extremely poor and still gave - II Cor. 8:3
the Macedonians still gave generously
the Macedonians imitated Paul and gave with sincerity - II Cor. 1:12

the Macedonians gave beyond their ability - 8:3

the Macedonians gave beyond their ability - II Cor. 8:2

the Macedonians gave freely because they put God first - II Cor. 8:5

the Macedonians had urged Paul to receive their giving - 8:4

the Macedonians begged Paul to receive their gift
they gave willingly out of their deep poverty - II Cor. 8:2
the Macedonians wanted to minister to other saints
they gave because they wanted to serve others - Gal. 5:13

the Macedonians gave themselves first to the Lord - 8:5

the Macedonians first gave themselves to the Lord
this fulfilled the great commandment - Matt. 22:35-38
the Macedonians then gave themselves to others
this fulfilled the new commandment - John 13:34-35

Paul spoke of the giving of Christ - 8:6-9

Paul had sent Titus to share about giving - 8:6

Titus had first taught them about giving

Titus had made an earlier trip to Corinth for Paul - II Cor. 7:13

Titus was now returning to receive their gifts

Titus was coming again by his own choice - II Cor. 8:16-17

Paul encouraged them to abound in their giving - 8:7

the Corinthians abounded in faith

they had received the same Spirit as others - I Cor. 12:13

the Corinthians abounded in speech

they had been enriched by God in all utterance - I Cor. 1:5

the Corinthians abounded in knowledge

they had been enriched by God in knowledge - I Cor. 1:5

the Corinthians abounded in diligence

they showed their diligence in their repentance - II Cor. 7:11

the Corinthians abounded in love toward Paul

they showed their love by their prayers for Paul - II Cor. 1:11

the Corinthians are encouraged to abound in giving

they are encouraged to give generously - II Cor. 9:5-8

Paul wanted them to give out of love not commandment - 8:8

Paul said he was not commanding them to give

people are to give as they purpose in their hearts - II Cor. 9:7

Paul said they could show their love by giving

people do this because the Lord comes first - II Cor. 8:5

Paul said Christ offers the real example of giving - 8:9

Christ showed His grace to all

Christ experienced all the riches of heaven

Christ came from heaven to this world - John 6:38, 16:28

Christ exchanged those riches for the poverty of the cross

Christ humbled Himself to the death on the cross - Phil. 2:5-8

Christ did this to change our spiritual poverty to riches

Christ became sin for us to make us righteous before God - II Cor. 5:21

B. the Lord reviewed the purpose of giving - 8:10-15

the Corinthians had said they wanted to give a year earlier - 8:10

Paul said he was giving them advice

Paul makes this as a recommendation not a command - II Cor 8:8

Paul said they had desired to give a year earlier

Paul said they expressed their desire to give a year earlier - II Cor. 9:2

the Corinthians are encouraged to complete that promise - 8:11

Paul said now was the time to complete their promise

they had been taught to give regularly and consistently - I Cor. 16:2

Paul said they were to complete what they had started

they had apparently stopped giving due to false teachers - II Cor. 2:17

the Corinthians were to have a willing mind - 8:12

the Corinthians were to have a proper heart attitude

God wants us to give from a willing attitude - II Cor. 9:7

the Corinthians were to give from what they had

God is the One who has prospered us - I Cor. 16:2

the Corinthians were not to be burdened more than others - 8:13

Paul was not trying to take the responsibility from others

the early church shared in the needs of one another - Acts 4:34

Paul was not trying to place a burden on the Corinthians

the early churches gave because they chose to give - Rom. 15:26-27

the Corinthians were to share equally with others - 8:14

they were to give from their abundance to help the lack of others

those who are rich are encouraged to share with the needy - I Tim 6:17-19

they would receive from the abundance of others what they lacked

those who have are able to minister to those who do not have - II Cor. 9:1

the Corinthians would see the Lord supply - 8:15

the one who gathers much would not end up with extra - Ex. 16:18

the one who gathers little will still not lack - Luke 22:35

C. the Lord reviewed the procedures for giving - 8:16-9:5

1. Paul said more than one person had accountability - 8:16-20

Paul said that Titus had a great concern for the Corinthians - 8:16

Paul was thanking God for the attitude of Titus

Titus had brought a very encouraging report to Paul - II Cor. 7:6-7

Paul said that Titus had a great concern for them

Titus had a great inward affection for the Corinthians - II Cor. 7:13-15

Paul said Titus had gone to Corinth on his own accord - 8:17

Titus had heard Paul talk of the need in Corinth

Paul had shared with Titus the need in Corinth - II Cor. 8:6

Titus had gone to Corinth of his own accord

Paul knew that Titus had gone because of his own concern - II Cor. 7:14-15

Paul said that a respected brother was with Titus - 8:18

Paul sent another brother with Titus

Paul realized this was important for integrity - II Cor. 12:18

Paul said this brother was respected by all the churches

some think this was Luke because of the Gospel he had shared

Paul said this brother was chosen to travel with Paul - 8:19

Paul said this brother had been chosen by the churches

Paul had them choose one of their own to carry the gift - I Cor. 16:3-4

Paul said this brother would share in taking the gift

Paul said the brother had often proved diligent - II Cor. 8:22

Paul said this was to provide true accountability - 8:20

Paul did not want to leave any room for blame

this was another opportunity to glorify God - II Cor 9:12-13

Paul realized that they would be taking a large gift

the Christians in Macedonia had already given generously - II Cor. 8:1-3

the Christians in Corinth had already been collecting for this gift - I Cor. 16:2

the Christians were being encouraged to give generously - II Cor. 9:6-7

2. Paul said we are to handle money with integrity - 8:21-24

Paul said we are to do things in an honorable way - 8:21

Paul said we are to provide true accountability

we are to make certain that people see we are faithful - Rom. 12:17

we are to do this in both words and actions - Titus 2:5-8

Paul said this accountability was to be before God

we are to glorify God by our words and actions - I Pet. 2:12, 17

Paul said this accountability was to be before men

we are to let our light shine before men - Matt. 5:16

Paul said he also sent with them a diligent brother - 8:22

Paul said he was also sending another brother

Paul focused on sending faithful partners - Phil. 2:20-22

Paul said this brother had proved diligent in many things

Paul knew the importance of sending teams - Acts 20:4

Paul said that he had great confidence in the Corinthians

Paul said Titus was his partner and fellow worker - 8:23

Paul said that Titus was his partner

Paul knew that Titus had a great concern for the Corinthians - II Cor. 8:16

Paul said Titus was his fellow worker for the Corinthians

Paul had earlier sent Titus to Corinth - II Cor. 2:13

Paul had received a report back from Titus - II Cor. 7:6-7

Paul said Titus had been refreshed by the Corinthians - II Cor 7:13

Paul said that the brethren were the messengers of the churches

Paul said these messengers were chosen by the churches - II Cor. 8:19

Paul encouraged the Corinthians to show their love - 8:24

Paul encouraged them to show the proof of their love to the brethren

Paul wanted them to show the sincerity of their love - II Cor. 8:8

Paul encouraged them to show the proof of their love before the churches

Paul said he had boasted about them to other churches - II Cor. 7:14

Paul encouraged them to verify that his boasting about them was true

Paul did not want the Corinthians to be unprepared - II Cor. 9:2-4

3. Paul said that giving should be organized - 9:1-5

the Corinthians had talked about ministering to the saints - 9:1

the Corinthians were ready to minister to others
the churches had been taught to share with the poor - Acts 20:35, Gal. 2:10
the Corinthians had planned to be a part of this offering - II Cor. 8:10
the Corinthians probably did not need this instruction
the Corinthians just needed an opportunity to do good - Gal. 6:10

the Corinthians had been ready to give a year earlier - 9:2

Paul knew the willingness of the Corinthians
the Corinthians had seen the example of the Thessalonians - I Thess. 1:7
Paul knew they had been ready to give a year earlier
the Corinthians had been ready to give a year earlier - II Cor. 8:10
Paul had used their example to encourage others
the Corinthians had been used by Paul as an example - II Cor. 8:24

the Corinthians had been used as an example by Paul - 9:3

Paul felt it was necessary to send some brethren in advance
Paul had sent Titus and others to them - II Cor. 8:6
Paul wanted to give them time to get ready
Paul had taught them to give regularly - I Cor. 16:2

the Corinthians might have forgotten during the year - 9:4

Paul was bringing some Macedonians with him
the Macedonians had given very generously - II Cor. 8:1-5
Paul did not want them embarrassed by being unprepared
the Corinthians were to show their love by their giving - II Cor. 8:24

the Corinthians are being encouraged to prepare their gifts - 9:5

Paul sent the brethren ahead in advance
Titus went to encourage them to finish what they had begun - II Cor 8:6
Paul knew that they would have a generous gift
they were generous in other things - II Cor. 8:7
Paul wanted them to give with a right heart attitude
God loves those who give from the heart - II Cor. 9:7

D. the Lord reviewed the promises for giving - 9:6-15

1. Paul said we should give from inner motivation - 9:6-8

we will reap as we sow - 9:6

the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly

we will reap what we sow - Gal. 6:7-9

the one who sows generously will also reap generously

we will see God multiply what we sow - II Cor. 9:10

we are to give with generosity - Rom. 12:8

we are to give from a willing heart - 9:7

we are to purpose in our heart about giving

we are to have a willing mind - II Cor. 8:12

we are not to give with a grudging heart

we are not to be like the miser who gives from wrong motives - Prov. 23:6-8

we are to have a generous heart - Prov. 11:25

we will be blessed if we are generous - Prov. 22:9

we are not to give because we feel we have to give

we are to share without grumbling - I Pet. 4:9

we are to give from a cheerful heart

we are to willingly share with those in need - Deut. 15:7-11

we see that a generous man devises generous things - Is. 32:8

we realize it is more blessed to give than to receive - Acts 20:35

we will see God provide as we give - 9:8

God is able to show His grace to us abundantly

we respond to his grace with sacrifices pleasing to God - Phil 4:18

God is able to supply everything we need for contentment

we will experience contentment when we put God first - I Tim. 6:6-8

God gives so that we have plenty to meet the needs of others

we are to abound in our giving to others - II Cor. 8:2, 7

we have been created for good works - Eph. 2:10

we are to be equipped for every good work - II Tim. 3:17

we are to be fruitful in every good work - Col. 1:10

we are to be zealous of good works - Titus 2:14

we are to maintain good works to meet urgent needs - Titus 3:14

2. Paul said God will multiply our giving - 9:9-11

God is the source of all that we have - 9:9

God is the One who gives to us

this verse is a quote from Psalm 112:9

God is the source of riches and honor - Prov. 8:18

God is the One who gives to the poor

Christ became poor that we might be made rich - II Cor. 8:9

God gives to the poor through us - Acts 20:35

God and His righteousness will remain forever

God is the source of true righteousness - Prov. 21:21

God says His righteousness will endure forever - Is. 51:8

God is the One who multiplies what we share with others - 9:10

God is the One who gives seed to the sower

God is the source of seed for the sower - Is. 55:10

God is the One who supplies our needs

God will give as we have given - Luke 6:38

God will supply all of our needs as we put Him first - Phil. 4:19

God is the One who multiplies the seed that we sow

God will prosper our sowing in His way - Eccles. 11:6

God multiplies our seed 30, 60 and 100 fold - Mark 4:20

God is the One who increases the fruit of our righteousness

God says those who sow righteousness have a sure reward - Prov. 11:18

God wants our lives to be filled with the fruits of righteousness - Phil. 1:11

God is the source of true riches - 9:11

God is the One who gives us the opportunity to give generously

God gives to us so that we can give of ourselves to Him - II Cor. 8:2-5

God wants us to give Him our firstfruits - Prov. 3:9-10

God will bless us as we give to Him first - Mal. 3:10-11

God gives to us so we can share with those in need - Eph. 4:28

God tells the rich to share what they have been given - I Tim. 6:17-19

God is using us to cause others to give thanks to God

God gives us opportunity to help others and give thanks together - II Cor. 1:11

God uses us to cause many to give thanks to God - II Cor. 4:15

God encourages the rich to trust in Him as they give thanks - I Tim. 6:17

3. Paul said our giving will bring glory to God - 9:12-15

God does more than just supply needs - 9:12

the ministry of giving supplies needs

God says our giving is based on meeting needs of one another - II Cor. 8:14-15

God says our giving is pleasing to Him - Phil. 4:17-19

God says we show our faith by giving to those in need - Jam. 2:14-16

God uses our giving to show the love of God to others - I John 3:17-18

the ministry of giving causes many to give thanksgiving to God

God is well pleased as we praise, do good and share - Heb. 13:15-16

God says our generous giving glorifies God - 9:13

the ministry of giving brings glory to God

our good works bring glory to God - Matt. 5:16

our service is to bring glory to God - I Pet. 4:11

the ministry of giving shows submission to Christ

our giving shows submission to Christ - II Cor. 8:5

the ministry of giving is something we can do liberally

our giving is to be done with liberality - Rom. 12:8

the ministry of giving can influence all people

our giving can help take the Gospel to all nations - Rom. 16:26

God also rewards us as others pray for us - 9:14

the ministry of giving results in prayer for one another

this prayer concern was shown by the Corinthians - II Cor. 1:11

the ministry of giving develops concern for one another

this concern was shown by the house of Onesiphorus - II Tim. 1:16-18

God is the One to whom we also give thanks - 9:15

the ministry of giving began with God

God chose to give to us before the creation of the world - Eph. 1:4

God allowed Christ to become poor that we might be rich - II Cor. 8:9

the ministry of giving by God is indescribable

God showed His giving by giving His only Son - John 3:16

God showed this love to us while we were still sinners - Rom. 5:8

God did this so that people of all nations can give thanks - Rev. 4:9-10

VI. Paul's defense of his apostolic authority - 10:1-12:18

A. the Lord revealed the authority of Paul's apostleship - 10:1-18

1. Paul tells how we fight spiritual battles - 10:1-3

Paul had ministered to them in gentleness - 10:1

Paul had demonstrated the meekness and gentleness of Christ

Paul had come to them in weakness and in fear - I Cor. 2:3-4

Paul chose to be gentle as a nursing mother - I Thess. 2:7-9

Paul chose to lead by example - I Thess. 2:10-12

Paul had been lowly when he was with them

Paul chose to glory in his weakness - II Cor. 12:7-10

Paul had chosen to treat them as his own children - I Cor. 4:16

Paul had begged them to follow his example - I Cor. 4:16, 11:1

Paul could write with boldness to them

Paul said that some viewed his letters as weighty - II Cor. 10:10

Paul said that some thought he depended on himself - 10:2

Paul chose to make request rather than show boldness

Paul chose to request rather than demand out of love - Phile. 8-10

Paul did not want to demand with boldness when he came

Paul said his bodily presence was weak - II Cor. 10:10

Paul said there was a need to be bold against some

Paul had spoken with boldness against a sinful brother - I Cor. 5:1-5

Paul said there were some who thought he walked according to the flesh

Paul chose to renew the inner man each day - II Cor. 4:16

Paul chose to be motivated by love - II Cor. 5:14-15

Paul said he did not depend on the flesh - 10:3

Paul said he walked in human flesh because he was a man

Paul had focused on his human limitations - Acts 14:14-15

Paul did not depend on human wisdom - I Cor. 2:9-14

Paul chose to come to them as a servant - II Cor. 4:5

Paul said he did not fight spiritual conflict with human weapons

Paul said we must fight in the armor of the Lord - Eph. 6:10-11

Paul modeled fighting through prayer - Eph. 3:14-21

2. Paul tells how we defeat spiritual strongholds - 10:4-6

Paul said that his weapons were spiritual - 10:4

Paul said his weapons were not fleshly weapons

Paul said his only weapons were spiritual weapons - Eph. 6:12-18

Paul depended on the power and wisdom of God - I Cor. 1:22-24

Paul depended on the Spirit to preach Christ to them - I Cor. 2:2-5

Paul said his weapons with mighty against spiritual powers

Paul said these weapons help us to stand against the devil - Eph. 6:12-13

Paul said we are to be good soldiers of Jesus Christ - II Tim. 2:3-4

Paul said he had fought a good fight - II Tim. 4:7

Paul said his weapons would pull down strongholds

Paul knew the Word of God is living and powerful - Heb. 4:12

Paul knew we would have victory as we yield to God - Rom. 6:13-16

Paul had a goal to bring every thought into obedience to Christ - 10:5

Paul rejected all human imaginations

Paul realized the emptiness of himself before he met Christ - Phil. 3:4-6

Paul said that the thoughts of the wise of this world are vain - I Cor. 3:18-20

Paul rejected all thoughts that were against God

Paul knew that gain for himself was loss for Christ - Phil. 3:7-9

Paul worked to bring all thoughts into agreement with Christ

we are to replace our thoughts with God's thoughts - Is. 55:7-9

we are to think and act to please the Lord - I Pet. 1:13-15

Paul focused on having thoughts obedient to Christ

Paul wanted to know Christ even better - Phil. 4:10-14

Paul knew such thoughts would produce love - I Pet. 1:22

Paul wanted to change disobedience to obedience - 10:6

Paul was ready to punish all disobedience

Paul wanted to come with gentleness and not with a rod - I Cor. 4:21

Paul was ready to take action when action was needed - I Cor. 5:3-5

Paul said he would not spare if he came again - II Cor. 13:2

Paul wanted to see them act with obedience

Paul wrote to test their obedience - II Cor. 2:9

Paul said that Titus told him about their obedience - II Cor. 7:15

Paul did what he did to build up others - II Cor. 13:10

2. Paul wrote this letter to edify the Corinthians - 10:7-10

Paul said to check the evidence about him being an apostle - 10:7

Paul encouraged them to look at the evidence of his ministry

Paul said that they knew all about him - II Cor. 9:1-2

Paul said that there were others who claimed to be apostles

Paul would later show that these were false apostles - II Cor. 11:13-15

Paul said that the evidence showed he was also an apostle

Paul would later point out he had suffered as an apostle - II Cor. 11:21-33

Paul would later point out that he had the signs of an apostle - II Cor. 12:12

Paul could boast about his authority as an apostle - 10:8

Paul said it had become necessary to mention his authority

Paul preferred to be a helper rather than an authority - II Cor. 1:24

Paul said the Lord gave him authority to build others up

Paul said his ministry was to build up not to destroy - II Cor. 13:10

Paul said he had built them up so he was not ashamed

Paul was not ashamed because he committed all things to the Lord - II Tim. 1:12

Paul said his goal was not to terrify them by letters - 10:9

Paul said he was accused of trying to terrify them

Paul said God would reveal the intents of the heart - I Cor. 4:5

Paul wrote to show love and bring repentance

Paul wrote to them in love - I Cor. 4:19-21, II Cor. 7:2-3

Paul wrote to them to bring repentance - II Cor. 7:9-10

Paul was being accused of being weak and a poor speaker - 10:10

Paul was accused of writing bold letters

Paul was bold when he wrote to them - II Cor. 10:1

Paul chose though to glory in his weaknesses - II Cor. 12:5-10

Paul was accused of being weak when he was present

Paul chose not to use human eloquence - I Cor. 1:17, 21

Paul chose not to use enticing words - I Cor. 2:3-4

Paul was accused of being a poor speaker when he was present

Paul chose to preach Christ crucified when he was present - I Cor. 2:1-2

Paul chose to depend on the power of the Spirit - I Cor. 2:3-4

3. Paul said it is unwise to compare ourselves - II Cor. 10:11-13

Paul was the same whether in a letter or in person - 10:11

Paul said those accusing him should consider the evidence

Paul had preached from Jerusalem to Illyricum - Rom. 15:20, 25-26

Paul said his words were consistent with his actions

Paul had written out of much anguish of heart - II Cor. 2:4

Paul had spoken the words of a caring father - II Cor. 7:9-10

Paul said his actions agreed with his words

Paul had shown the actions of a caring father - I Cor. 4:15-17

Paul passed up an open door because of concern for them - II Cor. 2:12-13

Paul said he would gladly be spent for them - II Cor. 12:14-15

Paul did not compare himself with others - 10:12

Paul refused to compare himself with others

Paul said he did not need letters of commendation - II Cor. 3:1-2

Paul was motivated by the love of Christ - II Cor. 5:11-15

Paul was not going to promote himself

Paul was only concerned to please the Lord - I Cor. 4:4

Paul chose to glory in his infirmities - II Cor. 12:9-10

Paul said others measured themselves by their own standards

Paul knew the ways of men lead to death - Prov. 16:25

Paul said others compared themselves by their own standards

Paul knew that the standards of the world will pass away - I John 2:15-17

Paul said such self comparison is not wise

Paul said we need to seek the commendation of the Lord - II Cor. 10:17-18

Paul chose to speak only of what God had done through him - 10:13

Paul refused to talk about what he had not yet done

Paul would not speak of anything Christ had not done through him - Rom. 15:18

Paul would only talk about what God had already done

Paul had been called an apostle by God - Rom. 1:5

Paul was called as an apostle to the Gentiles - Rom. 11:13

Paul had been called as a teacher of the Gentiles - I Tim. 2:7, II Tim. 1:11

Paul said his ministry had included the church at Corinth

Paul had begun the church in the city of Corinth - Acts 18:1-11

Paul viewed himself only as a laborer of God - I Cor. 3:5-9

4. Paul did not want to boast about another's work - II Cor. 10:14-18

Paul had preached the Gospel in Corinth - 10:14

Paul said he was not going beyond where he had taught

Paul was not claiming credit for the work of others - Rom. 15:20

Paul said his authority as an apostle included them

Paul said that they were his epistle - II Cor. 3:1-3

Paul said that he had brought them the Gospel

Paul had brought the Gospel to them - Acts 18:1-11

Paul would partner with them later to expand his ministry - 10:15

Paul was not boasting in other men's labors

Paul was preparing to give an account of his own labor - II Cor. 5:10

Paul hoped to see their faith continue to increase

Paul wanted to see them grow to full maturity - II Cor. 13:9

Paul wanted them as partners in further expansion

Paul viewed them as partners in his ministry - II Cor. 1:11

Paul wanted to minister in areas beyond Corinth - 10:16

Paul wanted to preach the Gospel in regions beyond them

Paul wanted to go to Rome - Acts 19:21

Paul wanted to go to Spain - Romans 15:24, 28

Paul did not want to take credit for the labor of others

Paul knew his ministry was to lay the foundation - I Cor. 3:10

Paul said he would only boast in what the Lord was doing - 10:17

Paul gave instructions to those who glory

Paul said no person will glory in the presence of the Lord - I Cor. 1:29

Paul said we should glory in the Lord

Paul said we should glory in the Lord - I Cor. 1:31

Paul said he looked for commendation from the Lord - 10:18

Paul did not commend himself

Paul chose to glory in his own weakness - II Cor. 12:9-10

Paul looked for commendation from the Lord

Paul said we should seek the approval of God - II Tim. 2:15

B. the Lord revealed the conduct of Paul's apostleship - 11:1-15

1. Paul had a great concern for the Corinthians - 11:1-3

Paul asked the Corinthians to bear with him - 11:1

Paul chose to speak of his own background

Paul said he would glory in what the Lord had done - II Cor. 10:17

Paul chose to show why he was an apostle - II Cor. 12:11-12

Paul had to show he was different than the false apostles - II Cor. 11:13-15

Paul asked them to bear with him

Paul was going to share a little of his past - II Cor. 11:20-33

Paul said that he had a godly jealousy - 11:2

Paul was jealous for their spiritual purity

Paul was concerned that they were being deceived - II Cor. 11:3

Paul had a godly jealousy for the holy name of God

Paul did not want to see them drawn away from God - Ex. 20:5

Paul had led the Corinthians to Christ

Paul here demonstrates the role of a spiritual father - I Cor. 4:15

Paul wanted to see Christ formed in them - Gal. 4:17-19

Paul wanted the Corinthians to have a worthy walk - I Thess. 2:11-12

Paul wanted to present the Corinthian church as a pure virgin

Paul wanted to see the church without spot or blemish - Eph. 5:27

Paul was concerned that the Corinthians would be deceived - 11:3

Paul had a godly concern for their protection

Paul was concerned because he knew some were weak - II Cor. 11:29

Paul was concerned that they would not practice godly living - II Cor. 12:20-21

Paul realized how the serpent had beguiled Eve

Paul knew that the serpent had denied the Word of God - Gen. 3:4

Paul knew how the serpent had deceived Eve - Gen. 3:13

Paul said Eve was deceived and fell into transgression - I Tim. 2:14

Paul was concerned that their minds would be corrupted

Paul knew that false teachers would deceive - II Tim. 3:1-9

Paul knew that evil men would become worse and worse - II Tim. 3:13

Paul knew that people would turn away from the truth - II Tim. 4:3-4

Paul knew that there were many false teachers - Titus 1:10

2. Paul was concerned that they would be deceived - 11:4-6

Paul was concerned that they would receive another Gospel - 11:4

some false teachers came preaching another Jesus

these false teachers were from other areas - II Cor. 11:22

Paul warned of false teachers who would come from the outside - Acts 20:28-29

some false teachers were depending on another spirit

there is only one true Spirit on whom we can depend - Eph. 4:3-4

there were false teachers who had another spirit - Gal. 1:8-9

some false teachers were spreading another gospel

there were false teachers who taught another gospel - Gal. 1:6-7

there will be false teachers in the future - II Tim. 4:3-4

some false teachers were being accepted by the Corinthians

these false teachers were bringing them into bondage - II Cor. 11:20

false teachers will always bring people into bondage - Gal. 4:8-11

Paul warns not to become entangled in bondage again - Gal. 5:1

Paul was not less of an apostle than others - 11:5

Paul was not less of an apostle than these false apostles

God confirmed the ministry of the apostles with signs - Heb. 2:3-4

Paul had all of the signs of a true apostle - II Cor. 12:12

Paul told how false apostles deceive - II Cor. 11:13-15

Paul was an apostle taught by the Lord

Paul received his revelation directly from the Lord - Gal. 2:11-12

Paul received this revelation in the desert of Arabia - Gal. 2:16-17

Paul was not inferior in his knowledge of the Gospel - 11:6

Paul was not eloquent like the Greek orators

Paul said his only message was Christ crucified - I Cor. 2:2

Paul said he did not depend on eloquent speech - I Cor. 2:3-4

Paul was not lacking in knowledge of the Gospel

Paul had a full knowledge of the Gospel - I Cor. 2:6-11

Paul was the one who gave a summary of the Gospel - I Cor. 15:1-6

Paul showed many others how to share the Gospel - Acts 20:20-21

Paul said that his teaching had been seen by the Corinthians

Paul had urged them to follow his example - I Cor. 11:1

Paul had lived with complete integrity among them - II Cor. 7:2

3. Paul did not take money from the Corinthians - 11:7-9

Paul had not received support from the Corinthians - 11:7

Paul had humbled himself when he came to the Corinthians

Paul had come with meekness and gentleness - II Cor. 10:1

Paul had chosen not to be a burden to them - II Cor. 12:13

Paul had as his only concern to see them trust Christ

Paul did not preach the Gospel for money - I Cor. 9:14-18

Paul had not received any money from the Corinthians

Paul had worked with his own hands when among them - I Cor. 4:10-12

Paul had received support from other churches to serve Corinth - 11:8

Paul had received support from other churches

Paul had received support frequently from Philippi - Phil 4:14-17

Paul had received wages from other churches

Paul had been supplied by those in Macedonia - II Cor. 11:9

Paul did this to bring the gospel to Corinth

Paul did not burden anyone at Corinth - II Cor. 12:13

Paul was ready to be spent for their sake - II Cor. 12:14-15

Paul had not been chargeable to any person in Corinth - 11:9

Paul had not mentioned his needs when he was with them

Paul worked with his own hands in Corinth - I Cor. 4:12

Paul had worked rather than become a burden to them

Paul made tents in the city of Corinth - Acts 18:1-3

Paul did this to avoid being a burden - II Cor. 12:13

Paul said that the brethren in Macedonia has sent support

Philippi sent support to Paul in Corinth - Phil. 4;15

Philippi sent support to Paul in Thessalonica - Phil 4:16

Philippi sent support to Paul in Rome - Phil. 4:18

Paul kept himself from being a burden in any way

Paul was willing to work night and day - I Thess. 2:9

Paul said he did not make a gain from them - II Cor. 12:17

Paul said those with him did not gain from them - II Cor. 12:18

Paul said he would continue to follow the same policy

Paul was not going to change his policy toward them - II Cor. 12:14-16

Paul did not seek glory from men - I Thess. 2:6

4. Paul did what he did out of love - 11:10-12

Paul would continue to take no support from Achaia - 11:10

Paul said he would speak the truth in Christ

Paul became the servant of all to share the Gospel - I Cor. 9:19-23

Paul said he would continue to refuse money from them

Paul had not asked the Corinthians for money for himself - I Cor. 9:15

Paul had said he would not charge the Corinthians - I Cor. 9:18

Paul said this was true for all of Achaia as well as Corinth

Corinth was the leading city of Achaia - II Cor. 1:1

Paul had a great love for the Corinthians - 11:11

Paul asked why he would continue to refuse support from them

Paul chose them to encourage their support of Christians in Jerusalem - I Cor. 16:1-3

Paul said that a team would take their gift to Jerusalem - II Cor. 8:18-21

Paul asked if that showed he did not love them

Paul loved them but did not want to burden them - II Cor. 12:14-15

Paul said that God knows that he loved them

Paul asked the Corinthians to be open with him - I Cor. 6:11-13

Paul said he had wronged no one - II Cor. 7:3

Paul said he had a great love for them - II Cor. 12:15

Paul knew the false teachers were trying to get money - 11:12

Paul had a plan in what he did

Paul made his plans according to the will of God - II Cor. 1:17-18

Paul planned to avoid being a burden to them - II Cor. 11:9

Paul would continue to do what he was doing

Paul had not used his right to receive money - I Cor. 9:12

Paul would spend and be spent for them - II Cor. 12:15

Paul knew that the false apostles wanted money

Paul said that false teachers pervert the gospel of Christ - Gal. 1:7

Paul said false teachers give their teachings for self gain - Titus 1:10-11

Paul said he would continue to refuse money

Paul was not going to take money from anywhere in Achaia - II Cor. 11:7-10

Paul did this to show he was not like the false teachers

Paul said that there are those who boast in appearance - II Cor. 5:12

Paul said he would glory in the Lord - II Cor. 10:17-18

5. Paul warned of false apostles - 11:13-15

Paul said that false apostles try to appear like apostles of Christ - 11:13

Paul said those who had come were false apostles

these false apostles were preaching another Jesus - II Cor. 11:4
these false apostles were peddling the Word of God - II Cor. 2:17

Paul said they were actually deceitful workers

Paul was not like those who handled the Word deceitfully - II Cor. 4:2

Paul said false teachers lie in wait to deceive - Eph. 4:14

Paul said some try to deceive with persuasive words - Col. 2:4

Paul warned that there are many deceivers - Titus 1:10-11

Paul said they were pretending to be apostles of Christ

Peter also warned of those who are false teachers - II Pet. 2:1-17

Jude also warned of false teachers - Jude 8-13

Paul said that Satan also tries to imitate Christ - 11:14

Paul said that their actions should not be a surprise

Satan always tries to blind unbelievers - II Cor. 4:4

Paul said that Satan is the master imitator

Satan used the snake to deceive Eve - II Cor. 11:3

Satan will use all kinds of devices to deceive - II Cor. 2:11

Paul said that Satan pretends to be an angel of light

Satan even tried to deceive Christ by these tactics - Matt. 4:1-10

Satan will try to come as an angel from heaven - Gal. 1:8

Paul said we should expect false teachers to imitate Satan - 11:15

Paul said the actions of false apostles should not surprise us

false apostles will claim to be ministers of Christ - II Cor. 11:23

Paul said we should expect the ministers of Satan to imitate him

false teachers will follow the lusts of their father - John 8:44

false teachers will be used to blind unbelievers - II Cor. 4:4

Paul said they would pretend to be angels of light

false teachers know how to creep in unnoticed - Jude 4

Paul said their judgment would be according to their actions

false teachers can be recognized by their fruits - Matt. 7:15-16

false teachers are motivated by covetousness - II Pet. 2:3

false teachers will experience darkness forever - II Pet. 2:13-22

C. the Lord revealed the sufferings of Paul's apostleship - 11:16-33

1. Paul said the Corinthians were accepting bondage - 11:16-20

Paul told the Corinthians to treat him as a fool so he could boast - 11:16

Paul said he was not trying to act like a fool
Paul comes back to the topic mentioned in 11:1
Paul said if they wanted to treat him like a fool he could handle it
Paul could use the boasting of the foolish - II Cor. 11:21-23
Paul said he would then boast like a fool
Paul said he became a fool because they compelled him - II Cor. 12:11

Paul said he was becoming a fool to trust in boasting - 11:17

Paul said he would not follow the example of the Lord in his next words
Paul could have had confidence in the flesh - Phil. 3:3-6
Paul said that he would act foolishly by boasting
Paul said such boasting is loss for Christ - Phil. 3:7

Paul said he did this because they were glorying in the flesh - 11:18

Paul said they were glorying in the flesh
the Corinthians themselves were glorying in the flesh - I Cor. 4:10
Paul said he could also boast in the flesh
Paul said knowledge puffs up but love edifies - I Cor. 8:1

Paul said they accepted fools because they were wise - 11:19

Paul said they could accept a fool since they were so wise
Paul said the Corinthians thought they were wise - I Cor. 4:10
Paul told them to judge as wise men - I Cor. 10:15

Paul said they accepted it when a man brought them into bondage - 11:20

Paul said they accepted it when a person took advantage of them
Paul was unwilling to take advantage of them - II Cor. 1:24
Paul said that others did take advantage of them - Gal. 2:4
Paul said they accepted it when a man exalted himself
some believers were willing to be brought into bondage again - Gal. 4:9
some believers were becoming entangled again in a yoke of bondage - Gal. 5:1

2. Paul said he could compare himself to others - 11:21-23

Paul said he was both weak and bold - 11:21

Paul said he was too weak to mistreat them

Paul chose to minister in meekness and gentleness - II Cor. 10:1

Paul said he could be bold

Paul did not want to use sharpness in speaking to them - II Cor. 13:10

Paul said he could also speak foolishly

Paul felt that boasting was speaking foolishly - II Cor. 11:17

Paul showed that he had the qualifications of a Jew - 11:22

Paul said he was a Hebrew

Paul was a Jew brought up at the feet of Gamaliel - Acts 22:3

Paul was a Hebrew of the Hebrews - Phil. 3:5

Paul was also a Pharisee - Acts 23:6

Paul said he was an Israelite

Paul was an Israelite - Rom. 11:1

Paul was from the tribe of Benjamin - Phil. 3:5

Paul said he was a descendent of Abraham

Paul could trace his family back to Abraham - Rom. 4:13-18

Paul showed he had the qualifications of a minister of Christ - 11:23

Paul said he was a minister of Christ

Paul was a minister of the New Covenant - II Cor. 3:6

Paul had ministered in many difficult situations - I Cor. 6:4-5

Paul viewed himself as a bondservant of Christ - I Cor. 4:1

Paul said that he labored more than others

Paul had really labored to help others mature - Col. 1:28-29

Paul had labored night and day in Thessalonica - I Thess. 2:9

Paul said that he had been beaten frequently

Paul was beaten in Philippi - Acts 16:23

Paul was beaten at least eight different times - II Cor. 11:24-25

Paul said he often been in prison

Paul was put in prison in Philippi - Acts 16:24

Paul later spent time in other prisons - Acts 24:27

Paul said he had often come close to death

Paul was stoned to death at Lystra - Acts 14:19

3. Paul talked about his own sufferings - 11:24-28

Paul told how he had suffered from the Jews - 11:24

**Paul had been beaten by the Jews five times
Paul had received 39 stripes each time - Deut. 25:1-3**

Paul told how he had suffered as he ministered - 11:25

**Paul had been beaten three times with rods - Acts 16:22-23
Paul had been stoned once - Acts 14:19-20
Paul had been shipwrecked three times
Paul had been in the waters for an entire day**

Paul told of the various perils he faced - 11:26

**Paul had spent much time traveling
Paul had been in danger in the water
Paul had been in danger from robbers
Paul had been in danger from the Jews
Paul had been in danger from the Gentiles
Paul had been in danger in cities
Paul had been in danger in the wilderness
Paul had been in danger in the sea
Paul had been in danger from false brethren**

Paul told of the physical suffering he experienced - 11:27

**Paul had been tired from long hours of work
Paul had gone many times without sleep
Paul had been both hungry and thirsty
Paul had fasted many times
Paul had experienced cold due to lack of clothes**

Paul told of his daily concern for the churches - 11:28

**Paul experienced all these things as a daily part of life
Paul had a deep concern for all of the churches
Paul wanted to know how the churches were doing - Acts 15:36
Paul instructed the leaders of the churches - Acts 20:18-35
Paul prayed daily for the churches - Eph 3:14-21, Col. 1:9-12**

4. Paul told how he had escaped from Damascus - 11:29-33

Paul told of his concern for the weak - 11:29

Paul had a great concern for the weak

Paul encouraged others to hold up the weak - I Thess. 5:14

Paul had a great concern for those who stumbled

Paul said we are not to cause others to stumble - I Cor. 8:9

Paul said he would boast in his own infirmities - 11:30

Paul was not eager to boast

Paul normally chose to refrain from boasting - II Cor. 12:6

Paul said he would boast in his infirmities

Paul chose to glory in his infirmities - II Cor. 12:9-10

Paul said that God was his witness - 11:31

God is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

God was in Christ and Christ was in the Father - John 17:21

God is the who is blessed forever

God is eternal and all things belong to Him - I Tim. 1:17

God is the One who knows that Paul was not lying

God had given as Paul's witness in an earlier verse - II Cor. 1:23

Paul told how men attempted to kill him in Damascus - 11:32

Paul said that Aretas tried to kill him in Damascus

Paul said that Aretas was guarding the city with troops

Damascus was guarded to prevent Paul from escaping - Acts 9:24

Paul said that Aretas wanted to arrest him

Paul told how he had escaped from Damascus - 11:33

Paul had to escape from Damascus in a basket

Paul was let down over the wall in a basket - Acts 9:25

Paul said that basket was let down through a window in the wall

Paul used the word for a large basket - Matt. 15:37, 16:10

Paul said that was how he escaped from Aretas at that time

Paul went from Damascus back to Jerusalem - Acts 9:26

D. the Lord revealed the credentials of Paul's apostleship - 12:1-10

1. Paul spoke of a man who went to the third heaven - 12:1-4

Paul said he would share a vision given to him by the Lord - 12:1

Paul did not feel it was profitable to boast

Paul said all things are lawful but not all are helpful - I Cor. 6:12

Paul said he would share a vision from the Lord

Paul had at least six visions - Acts 9:12, 16:9-10, 18:9, 22:17-18, 23:11, 27:23-24

Paul said he would share revelations from the Lord

Paul speaks several times of revelations - Gal. 1:12, Gal. 2:2, Eph. 3:3

Paul said he knew a person caught up into the third heaven - 12:2

Paul said the event described happened fourteen years earlier

this probably happened while Paul was back in Tarsus - Acts 9:30, Gal. 1:21-2:1

Paul said he did not know whether the person was in the body

the body is our home until we enter heaven - II Cor. 5:6-8

Paul said that person was caught up into the third heaven

the third heaven is where the throne of God is - I Kings 8:30, Ps. 123:1

Paul said he did not know whether this man was in the body - 12:3

Paul said he did not know if the man was in the body

God takes the soul and spirit to heaven at death - II Cor. 5:8

Paul said God knew if the man was in the body

God is the One who gives life to the body - Gen. 2:7

Paul said this man went up to Paradise and heard unspeakable words - 12:4

this man was caught up into Paradise

the tree of life is in Paradise - Rev. 2:7

the tree of life is in heaven - Rev. 22:14

therefore Paradise is now located in heaven

this man heard inexpressible words

Paul was the one who was actually caught up into Paradise - II Cor. 12:5, 7

Paul had many mysteries revealed to him at various times - Eph. 3:3-4

that man was not allowed to speak what he heard

Paul could not speak what God had forbidden him to speak - Luke 16:31

2. Paul told about his thorn in the flesh - 12:5-8

Paul said he would not boast except in his infirmities - 12:5

Paul said he could glory in what God had done

Paul chose to glory in the cross - Gal. 6:14

Paul said he would not glory in himself

Paul chose to focus on his infirmity - II Cor. 11:30

Paul chose to focus on his sufferings - II Cor. 12:10

Paul knew gain for himself would be loss for Christ - Phil. 3:7

Paul said he would only glory in his infirmities

Paul wanted the power of God revealed in his life - II Cor. 12:9

Paul said he would speak the truth - 12:6

Paul said he would be a fool to boast in himself

Paul did not want to make a fool of himself - II Cor. 11:16

Paul said he would speak only the truth

Paul would be consistent in both word and letter - II Cor. 10:9-10

Paul did not want to give a wrong impression

Paul felt that God wanted the apostles to be the most humble - I Cor. 4:9-13

Paul said he had been given a thorn in the flesh - 12:7

Paul said God did not want him to boast in his revelations

Paul was only going to boast in the cross - Gal. 6:14

Paul said he was given a thorn in the flesh

some think this was a physical problem - Gal. 6:11

some think this was the leader of the false apostles - II Cor. 11:13-15

Paul said this thorn was a messenger of Satan to buffet him

buffet always refers to ill treatment from others - Matt. 26:67

Paul said he asked the Lord to remove this thorn three times - 12:8

Paul had prayed about this thorn in the flesh three times

Paul gives us an example of continuing prayer for others - Col. 1:9

Paul had asked the Lord to take this thorn from him

Paul willingly accepted when the Lord answered no - II Cor. 12:9

Paul realized God's strength in his weakness - II Cor. 12:10

Paul focused on spreading the Gospel - Phil. 1:12-18

Paul said he would glory in his weaknesses - 12:9-10

Paul learned that his strength was made perfect in weakness - 12:9

Paul said the Lord had spoken to him

Paul had the Lord speak to him at various times - Acts 22:17-21

Paul said the Lord told him His grace was sufficient for Paul

Paul realized God's grace is sufficient for all things - Phil. 4:13

Paul realized God was working in him mightily - Col. 1:29

Paul said Christ's strength was perfected in his weakness

Paul had spoken about this strength before - II Cor. 4:7-11

Paul had demonstrated this strength in weakness - Acts 16:23-25

Paul said he would gladly boast then in his infirmities

Paul said he would glory in his infirmities - II Cor. 11:30

Paul said he wanted the power of Christ to rest on him

Paul wanted to know the fulness of Christ's power - Phil. 3:10

Paul wanted to do all things in that power - Phil. 4:13

Paul said he would then rejoice in his infirmities - 12:10

Paul took pleasure in infirmities for Christ's sake

Paul had experienced many infirmities - II Cor. 11:23-30

Paul would experience more infirmities -

Paul took pleasure in reproaches for Christ's sake

Paul had suffered reproaches for Christ's sake - Acts 14:5

the apostles knew they could be happy in reproaches - I Pet. 4:13-14

Paul took pleasure in needs for Christ's sake

Paul had experienced much need for Christ - II Cor. 6:4

Paul had experienced distress for the sake of others - I Thess. 3:7

Paul took pleasure in persecutions for Christ's sake

Paul had experienced many persecutions - II Cor. 11:24-25

Paul would experience more persecutions - Acts 21:11-13

Paul took pleasure in distresses for Christ's sake

Paul knew that distresses would not separate him from Christ - Rom. 8:35

Paul experienced much distress to serve Christ - II Cor. 6:4

Paul realized his own weakness

Paul knew he was often weak - II Cor. 11:29

Paul realized Christ's strength in his weakness

Paul knew God is able to make us abound in every good work - II Cor. 9:8

Paul knew that the weapons of God are mighty - II Cor. 10:3-4

E. the Lord revealed the unselfishness of Paul's apostleship - 12:11-18

1. Paul gave his qualifications to be an apostle - 12:11-13

Paul said he was not less than the most eminent apostles - 12:11

Paul said he had become a fool by boasting
Paul said he was a fool to boast - II Cor. 11:1
Paul said he would only boast in the Lord - II Cor. 11:17
Paul said they had compelled him to boast
Paul did this only for their edifying - II Cor. 12:19
Paul said they should be the ones commending him
Paul said they were his epistles - II Cor. 3:1-2
Paul said he was equal with the other apostles
Paul said he was not less than the other apostles - II Cor. 11:5
Paul had been all the signs of an apostle - II Cor. 12:12
Paul even resisted other apostles when necessary - Gal. 2:6-14
Paul also said that he was nothing
Paul said God is the One who works through all of us - I Cor. 3:4-7

Paul said his life demonstrated the signs of an apostle - 12:12

Paul said he had demonstrated the signs of an apostle
Paul had demonstrated the signs of an apostle - Heb. 2:3-4
Paul said the Corinthians were the seal of his apostleship - I Cor. 9:1-2
Paul said these signs were done with all perseverance
Paul had shown this perseverance in many ways - II Cor. 6:4-10
Paul said that included signs, wonders and mighty deeds
Paul said his ministry had been carried on among them - II Cor. 11:4-6

Paul asked if he was wrong not to burden them - 12:13

Paul said that they were inferior to other churches in only one way
Paul had not received financial support from the church in Corinth - II Cor. 11:8
Paul said that was because they had not shared in his support
Paul had shared the Gospel with them freely - II Cor. 11:7
Paul had received help from other churches to share with them - II Cor. 11:8-9
Paul had taken nothing to stop the boasting of false teachers - II Cor. 11:10-12
Paul asked them to forgive him for expecting nothing from them
Paul want to be forgiven if they considered that an offence - II Cor. 11:7

2. Paul said he did not take advantage of them - 12:14-18

Paul said he had the concern of a parent for them - 12:14

Paul was ready to visit them a third time

Paul had visited them twice before - Acts 18, II Cor. 2:1

Paul said he would not be burdensome to them

Paul would not ask them for personal support - II Cor. 11:7-8

Paul said he did not seek what they had but only them

Paul asked the Corinthians to open their hearts to him - II Cor. 6:11-13

Paul said that children do not lay up for the parents

Paul said that children do have a responsibility to honor - Eph. 6:2

Paul said that parents lay up for the children

Paul told parents to provide for their children - Eph. 6:4

Paul said he would gladly be spent for them - 12:15

Paul said he would gladly spend and be spent for their souls

Paul had worked to support himself in Corinth - Acts 18:3

Paul said he would love them whether they responded or not

Paul said that he had the Corinthians in his heart - II Cor. 7:2-3

Paul said he did not burden them - 12:16

Paul said he had not been a burden to them

Paul had chosen not to be a burden - II Cor. 13:13

Paul was accused of using cunning to deceive them

Paul and Timothy had both been faithful among them - I Cor. 4:17

Paul said he did not take advantage of them through others - 12:17

Paul questioned whether any he sent had taken advantage of them

Paul said that Titus had the attitude toward them - 12:18

Paul had sent Titus and a brother with him

Paul said Titus had a brother chosen by the churches - II Cor. 8:18-21

Paul said Titus had not taken advantage of them

Paul said that Titus had a great concern for them - II Cor. 8:16-17

Paul said he and Titus had the same spirit and attitude

Paul said Titus also had a great concern for them - II Cor. 7:13-15

VII. Paul's planned visit and concluding remarks - 12:19-13:14

A. the Lord used Paul to give an appeal for repentance - 12:19-21

Paul did all that he did to build up others - 12:19

Paul said he was not trying to excuse himself before them

Paul said that the Lord was his only judge - I Cor. 4:3-5

Paul said that God in Christ was his judge

Paul knew he would stand before the judgment seat of Christ - II Cor. 5:10

Paul said all that he did was to build them up

Paul taught we are all to build up our neighbor - Rom. 15:2

Paul said that he was concerned about the conflicts among them - 12:20

Paul was concerned about how he would find them

Paul said his wish was that they would grow to maturity - II Cor. 13:9

Paul was concerned that there would be contentions

Paul knew that there had been contentions among them - I Cor. 3:3

Paul was concerned that there would be jealousies

Paul knew that there had been jealousies among them - I Cor. 3:3

Paul was concerned that there would be outbursts of wrath

Paul teaches that we are to put away outbursts of wrath - Eph. 4:31

Paul was concerned that there were selfish ambitions

James warns that selfish ambition causes every evil work - Jam. 3:16

Paul was concerned that there were backbitings and whisperings

Peter said that we are to put aside all evil speaking - I Pet. 2:1

Paul was concerned that there were conceits

Paul knew that some of the Corinthians were puffed up - I Cor. 4:18-19

Paul was concerned that there were tumults

Paul knew that this kind of confusion produces evil works - Jam. 3:16

Paul said he did not want to see many who were unrepentant - 12:21

Paul did not want to have another painful visit with them

Paul had great heaviness on his previous visit - II Cor. 2:1

Paul was concerned he would mourn because of their lack of repentance

Paul said he would not spare if he found sin - II Cor. 13:2

Paul was concerned about the sins they were practicing

Paul warned the Corinthians about these sins in his first letter - I Cor. 5:9-11

B. the Lord used Paul to encourage self examination - 13:1-10

1. Paul said we live by the power of God - 13:1-4

Paul said that this is the third time he was coming to them - 13:1

Paul said this would be his third visit to them
Paul said words should be established by two or three witnesses
two or three witnesses was the requirement of the law - Deut. 19:15

Paul said he would not spare if that was necessary - 13:2

Paul had warned them before
Paul had warned them in his first letter - I Cor. 4:19-21
Paul was now warning them by letter
Paul had warned them earlier in this letter - II Cor. 10:1-2
Paul was concerned about those who failed to repent
Paul wanted to speak to build them up - II Cor. 13:10
Paul said he would discipline if necessary
Paul had given instructions for discipline already - I Cor. 4:2-5

Paul said they were seeking proof of Christ speaking in him - 13:3

Paul said they were asking for proof that he was an apostle
Paul had already given that proof - II Cor. 12:11-12
Paul said he would not be weak in his response
Paul had not been weak in his earlier response - I Cor. 5:4-5
Paul said they would see Christ's power revealed through him
Paul could use Christ's power to judge if necessary - II Cor. 13:3

Paul said we live by the power of God - 13:4

Christ was crucified in weakness
Christ became obedient to the death of the cross - Phil. 2:5-8
Christ was raised by the power of God
Christ was raised in power and gave power to the apostles - Acts 4:10-12
Christ has taken us to Himself in our weakness
Christ made us alive when we were dead in trespasses and sin - Eph. 2:1
Christ will reveal the power of God through Paul
Christ has made us alive to his power working in us - Rom. 6:8-11

2. Paul urged the Corinthians to examine themselves - 13:5-7

Paul told the Corinthians to examine themselves - 13:5

Paul asked the Corinthians to examine themselves

Paul had earlier called for self examination - I Cor. 11:28

Paul said we should judge ourselves to avoid being judged - I Cor. 11:31

Paul said to test themselves to see if they had true faith

Paul did not want anyone to move away from true faith - Col. 1:23

Paul had a great concern to see people sound in the faith - Titus 1:13

Paul said to make certain that they had Christ in their lives

Paul wanted them to be rooted and grounded in Christ - Col. 2:7

Paul wanted them to be built on the foundation of Christ - Eph. 2:20-22

Paul said to make certain they were not disqualified

Paul had a great desire to see them approved - II Cor. 13:7

Paul wanted them to hold fast to the head - Col. 2:19

Paul said he hoped they knew he was not disqualified - 13:6

Paul said that he wanted them to know the truth

Paul said they were seeking proof about him - II Cor 13:3

Paul said that he was living by the power of God - II Cor. 13:4

Paul wanted them to know and recognize he was not disqualified

Paul kept his purpose in focus and did not want to be disqualified - I Cor. 9:27

Paul did all things to please God - II Cor. 6:3-10

Paul wanted to be commended by the Lord - II Cor. 10:18

Paul urged them to do what was honorable - 13:7

Paul prayed that they would do no evil

Paul wanted them to cleanse themselves from sin - II Cor. 7:1

Paul wanted to see Christians grow in love - Phil. 1:9-11

Paul wanted Christians to be preserved blameless - I Thess. 5:23

Paul prayed that they would do what is honorable

Paul knew some were seeking human approval - I Cor. 11:19

Paul set the example of doing things honorably - II Cor. 8:21

Paul wanted them to study to show themselves approved - II Tim. 2:15

Paul prayed for their growth even if they doubted his

Paul was glad to be weak so that they were strong - II Cor. 13:9

Paul wanted to do all in an honorable way - II Cor. 8:21

3. Paul wanted to use his ministry to edify them - 13:8-10

Paul did what he did for the truth - 13:8

Paul said he could do nothing against the truth

Paul said he was given authority for edification - II Cor. 10:8

Paul had been sent out by the Holy Spirit - Acts 13:4

Paul said he did all things for the truth

Paul allowed God to expose all that was false - Acts 19:11-17

Paul rebuked those who were false - Acts 13:6-12

Paul prayed that they would be complete - 13:9

Paul was glad even if they thought he was weak

Paul was not afraid to talk about his infirmity - II Cor. 11:30

Paul knew his strength was in his own weakness - II Cor. 12:9-10

Paul was concerned that they would be strong

Paul did not want to see them do evil - II Cor. 13:7

Paul wanted to see them walk in holiness - II Cor. 7:1

Paul said that he prayed for them

Paul prayed regularly for the church in Corinth - I Cor. 1:4

Paul prayed that they would be made complete

Paul wanted to see them grow to maturity - II Cor. 13:11

Paul wanted to see all Christians become mature - Eph. 4:13

Paul was setting an example of pressing on - Phil. 3:12-15

Paul wanted to present every person perfect in Christ - Col. 1:28-29

Paul said Timothy had the same concern for Corinthians - I Cor. 4:17

Paul wanted to develop what was lacking - I Thess. 3:10

Paul wrote to produce edification - 13:10

Paul said he put these things in a letter since he was not there

Paul wrote so that they would know his love - II Cor. 2:3-4

Paul said he did not want to use sharpness when he came

Paul preferred to show the care of a nursing mother - I Thess. 2:7-9

Paul said he wanted to use his authority for edification

Paul did not want to have to rebuke sin - II Cor. 12:20-21

Paul said he did not want to use his authority for destruction

Paul did not want to come with severity - II Cor. 13:2

Paul wanted to use his authority for edification - II Cor 10:8

C. the Lord used Paul to give a final benediction - 13:11-14

Paul urged them to be of one mind - 13:11

Paul prayed that they would become complete

Paul wanted Christians to become complete - II Cor. 13:9

Paul prayed that they would be encouraged

Paul wanted them to be encouraged and comforted - II Cor. 1:3-4

Paul prayed that they would be of one mind

Paul pleaded with them to be of one mind - I Cor. 1:10

Paul wanted all Christians to be of one mind - Rom. 15:5-6

Paul prayed that they would live in peace

Paul wanted Christians to live at peace - Rom. 12:16, 18

Paul prayed that the God of love and peace would be with them

Paul wanted the God of peace to be with all Christians - Rom. 15:33

Paul told them to greet one another - 13:12

Paul urged them to greet one another

Paul wanted them to greet one another - Rom. 16:16

Paul wanted these greetings to be in holiness

Paul wanted their greetings to be in holiness - I Cor. 12:20

Paul said the other saints greeted them - 13:13

the brethren had earlier sent greetings to Corinth - I Cor. 16:20

Paul gave a concluding greeting from the Trinity - 13:14

Paul concluded this letter with the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ

Paul concluded his first letter talking about the grace of Christ - I Cor. 16:23

Paul thanked God that grace was given to them by Christ - I Cor. 1:3-5

Paul concluded this letter with the love of God

God is love and the source of love - I John 4:8

God showed His love while we were still sinners - Rom. 5:8

God will let nothing separate us from His love - Rom. 8:38-39

Paul concluded this letter with the communion of the Holy Spirit

we have the Spirit of God dwelling in us - I Cor. 3:16-17

our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit - I Cor. 6:19-20

we were all placed in one body by the Spirit - I Cor. 12:13

we are to walk in the Spirit - Gal. 5:16