

II Corinthians: A Ministry of Integrity

“The Corinthians Christians gave their founding pastor, Paul more trouble than all his other churches put together. No sooner did Paul get one problem straightened out in Corinth than three more appeared.” (Eugene Peterson)

KEY VERSE

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort...” (II Corinthians 1:3)

1. The Comfort of God (II Corinthians 1-7)

Paul uses his own sufferings as a _____ to Corinth that God sustains and comforts so that he might comfort others.

In chapter 4, Paul reminds us that we are but _____ and we must be _____ for the light to shine out (4:7-10).

In chapter 6:4-7, Paul lists _____ of the ministry.

In chapter 6:8-10, Paul lists _____ covering all of life.

Another **KEY VERSE** is II Corinthians 7:10 — *“For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.”*

2. Christian Giving (II Corinthians 8-9)

Giving is a _____. God wants _____ before your _____.

Principles of Christian Giving — NOT RULES...

We should give _____ (8:12-14)

We should give _____ (9:6)

We should give _____ (9:7)

3. Paul’s Defense of His Apostleship (II Corinthians 10-13)

As Paul defends his own “calling,” we see Paul’s _____ and _____ sides.

Note in particular II Corinthians 12:9

MY means _____

GRACE means _____

IS means _____

SUFFICIENT means _____