

Sincerely Yours - 2 Corinthians 1:12-24

A godly life is the best answer to criticism

A. Paul's Clear Conscience (1:12-14)

1. Regarding his methods (1:12)

a. Simplicity

b. Sincerity

c. God's Grace

2. Regarding his writings (1:13)

Clearly understanding the letter

3. Regarding mutual glorying (1:14)

Trusting and understanding the letter-writer

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B. Answering charges (1:15-22)

1. Accused of being two-faced (1:15-17)

- a. My actual intent for coming a second time (v 15)**
- b. My actual plan for coming a second time (v 16)**
- c. My intentions were sincere (v 17)**

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B. Answering charges (1:15-22) - continued

2. God is in charge (1:18-22)

a. Demands faithfulness to the gospel (vv 18-20)

b. Demands faithfulness to the ministry (vv 21-22)

1). God established us

2). God had anointed us

3). God had sealed us

4). God had given us the earnest of the Spirit

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3. The reasons for not coming earlier (1:23-24)

a. Mercy

b. Grace

Realize The Opportunity

2 Corinthians 2

**The believer and church needs to realize the
need and opportunity for restoration**

I. Sin Saps Fellowship

A. Delayed Paul's trip (2:1)

2 Corinthians 2:1

But I determined this with myself, that I would not come again to you in heaviness.

I. Sin Saps Fellowship

B. Detrimental to collective joy (2:2-3)

2 Corinthians 2:2-3

2 For if I make you sorry, who is he then that maketh me glad, but the same which is made sorry by me?

3 And I wrote this same unto you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy is the joy of you all.

I. Sin Saps Fellowship

C. Detracts from the ministry (2:4)

2 Corinthians 2:4

For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you.

II. Proper Reaction To A Repentant Believer (2:5-11)

A. Do not pile on (2:5-6)

2 Corinthians 2:5-6

5 But if any have caused grief, he hath not grieved me, but in part: that I may not overcharge you all.

6 Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many.

II. Proper Reaction To A Repentant Believer (2:5-11)

B. Three requirements (2:7-8)

2 Corinthians 2:7-8

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Colossians 3:13

Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

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1 Thessalonians 5:11-14

11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;

13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.

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1 John 3:18

**My little children, let us not love in word, neither in
tongue; but in deed and in truth.**

II. Proper Reaction To A Repentant Believer (2:5-11)

1 John 4:11-21

11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

II. Proper Reaction To A Repentant Believer (2:5-11)

1 John 4:11-21 – continued

16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

19 We love him, because he first loved us.

II. Proper Reaction To A Repentant Believer (2:5-11)

1 John 4:11-21 – continued

20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

II. Proper Reaction To A Repentant Believer (2:5-11)

C. Three results of the proper reaction (2:9-11)

1. Obedience to the will of God (v 9)

2 Corinthians 2:9

For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things.

2 Corinthians 5:18

And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

II. Proper Reaction To A Repentant Believer (2:5-11)

C. Three results of the proper reaction (2:9-11) – cont'd

2. Restoration to all (v 10)

2 Corinthians 2:10

To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ;

Be a model of forgiveness

II. Proper Reaction To A Repentant Believer (2:5-11)

C. Three results of the proper reaction (2:9-11) – cont'd

3. Denies Satan the opportunity to operate (v 11)

2 Corinthians 2:11

Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

III. Paul's Concern For The Corinthians

(2:12-13)

2 Corinthians 2:12-13

12 Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord,

13 I had no rest in my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went from thence into Macedonia.

2 Corinthians 7:5-6

5 For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without were fightings, within were fears.

6 Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus;

III. Paul's Concern For The Corinthians

(2:12-13)

- A. Anguished during his ministry in Troas**
- B. Anxious over Titus not meeting him there**
- C. Left Troas to come to Macedonia**
- D. Titus gives report of repentance at Corinth when he meets Paul at Philippi**
- E. Leads to this letter**

IV. Paul's Confidence In The Corinthians (2:14-17)

A. For victory (2:14)

2 Corinthians 2:14

Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

IV. Paul's Confidence In The Corinthians (2:14-17)

B. For acceptance in Christ (2:15-16)

2 Corinthians 2:15-16

15 For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish:

16 To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?

IV. Paul's Confidence In The Corinthians (2:14-17)

C. In their sincerity (2:17)

2 Corinthians 2:17

**For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God:
but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God
speak we in Christ.**

**Reconciliation Brings
Praise To God**

