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8. How is giving described in verse 15?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The Corinthians were abounding in every area except for giving.

LESSON #2: The sincerity of our love is demonstrated when we begin to give.

LESSON #3: Jesus Christ is our example, who gave His life, that we might have the gift of salvation.

LESSON #4: He became poverty-stricken for us.

LESSON #5: It is to our advantage that we learn to give.

LESSON #6: God delights in finishers.

LESSON #7: Our giving should be in proportion with what we have.

LESSON #8: The undergirding principle in giving is for equality.

LESSON #9: What a man sows, that shall he also reap.

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**STUDY NUMBER SIXTEEN – 2 CORINTHIANS 8:16-9:5****NOTES**

v.16 But thanks be to God, who is putting the same earnestness on your behalf in the heart of Titus.

v.17 For he not only accepted our appeal, but being himself very earnest, he went to you of his own accord.

v.18 And we sent along with him the brother whose fame in the things of the gospel has spread through all the churches.

v.19 And not only this, but he also was appointed by the churches to travel with us in this gracious work, which is being administered by us for the glory of the Lord Himself, and to show our readiness,

v.20 taking precaution that no one should discredit us in our administration of this generous gift;

v.21 for we are taking into consideration what is morally right, not only in the sight of the Lord but also in the sight of men.

v.22 And we sent with them our brother, whom we often tested to be diligent in many things, but now even more diligent by reason of his great confidence which he has in you.

v.23 As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow-worker among you; as for our brethren, they are messengers of the churches, a glory to Christ.

v.24 Therefore openly before the churches be showing them the proof of your love and of our reason for boasting about you.

9:v. 1 For it is superfluous for me to be writing to you about this ministry to the saints;

v. 2 for I am knowing your readiness, of which I am boasting about you to the Macedonians, that Achaia has been prepared since last year, and your zeal stirred up the majority of them.

v. 3 But I sent the brethren, in order that our boasting about you may not lose its justification in this case, so that, just as I was saying, you may be prepared;

v. 4 lest if any Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we— (not speaking of you)—should be put to shame by this confidence.

v. 5 Therefore I thought it necessary to urge the brethren that they should go on ahead to you and arrange beforehand your previously promised bountiful gift, that the same might be ready as a bountiful gift, and not a gift that is grudgingly granted by greed.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read 2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. Characterize Titus and what he did, according to verse 17.

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3. What is the purpose behind this project, according to verse 19?

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4. How did Paul work with his close associates, according to verse 22?

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5. How is Titus described in verse 23?

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6. What two things does Paul know about the Corinthians, according to verse 2?

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7. Why is he sending the brethren, according to verse 3?

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8. Why are the brethren to go on ahead to Corinth, according to verse 5?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: God is in the business of putting things in our hearts.

LESSON #2: Titus is a sensitive, self-motivated servant.

LESSON #3: Giving is considered a gracious work.

LESSON #4: It is a good policy to be taking precaution when dealing with money.

LESSON #5: An important principle of handling money is to be certain that one is morally right, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

LESSON #6: Are you diligent in your walk, your warfare, and your work?

LESSON #7: Are you concerned about being a glory to Christ?

LESSON #8: God is not interested in a gift that is grudgingly granted by greed.

**ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

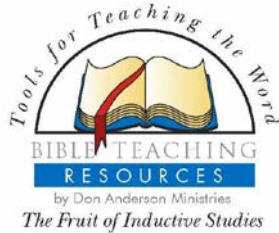
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# **A Practical Study of 2 CORINTHIANS: Turning Tough Times into Triumph**

**“Using Adversity to Gain an Advantage”**

**PART III - 2 Corinthians 9:6-13:14**

### **STUDY NUMBER SEVENTEEN – 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15**

### **NOTES**

v. 6 Now this I am saying: “He who is sowing sparingly shall also reap sparingly; and he who is sowing bountifully shall also reap bountifully.

v. 7 Let each one do just as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God is loving a cheerful giver.

v. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, in order that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;

v. 9 even as it has been written: “He scattered abroad, he gave to the poor, his righteousness is abiding forever.”

v.10 Now he who is supplying seed to the sower and bread for food, shall also supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness;

v.11 you will be enriched in everything for all generosity, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.

v.12 For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but also is overflowing through many thanksgivings to God.

v.13 Because of the approved character of your service they are glorifying God for your obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution to them and to all,

v.14 while they also, by prayer on your behalf, are yearning for you because of the surpassing grace of God in you.

v.15 Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What is the principle of giving stated in verse 6?

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3. What does Paul challenge the Corinthians to do about their personal giving, according to verse 7?

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4. What is God able to do, according to verse 8?

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5. What is the result of faithful stewardship, according to verse 9?

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6. What are the Corinthians promised, according to verse 11?

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7. What two things happen, according to verse 12, when we are faithful in our giving?

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8. What does Paul thank God for in verse 15?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Think over the kind of harvest that you would like to have, and then give accordingly.

LESSON #2: When you are giving, you are sowing in view of a harvest.

LESSON #3: The New Testament principle of giving is, "Let each one do just as he has purposed in his heart."

LESSON #4: God is loving a glad, generous, grateful giver.

LESSON #5: We are reflecting His likeness when we give.

LESSON #6: God is able to make all grace abound toward us.

LESSON #7: God does not multiply seed which we do not sow.

LESSON #8: We have the promise of enrichment for our generosity.

LESSON #9: Our Christlike character is revealed in our stewardship.

LESSON #10: We are being obedient to the confession of the Gospel when we give.

LESSON #11: Thanks be to God Who is always leading us, Who is putting into our hearts, and Who is giving us an indescribable gift.

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**STUDY NUMBER EIGHTEEN – 2 CORINTHIANS 10:1-6****NOTES**

v. 1 Now I, Paul, myself urge you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ—I who am lowly when face to face with you, but bold toward you when absent!—

v. 2 I am asking that when I am present I need not show boldness with the confidence with which I am proposing to be courageous against some, who are considering us as walking according to the flesh.

v. 3 For, though we are walking in the flesh, we are not warring according to the flesh,

v. 4 for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses,

v. 5 destroying reasonings and every lofty thing offering resistance against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,

v. 6 and being in readiness to punish all disobedience, whenever your obedience is complete.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read 2 Corinthians 10:1-6 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. How is Paul urging them, according to verse 1?

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3. How have his opponents characterized him, according to verse 1?

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4. How are these opponents considering Paul, according to verse 2?

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5. What is Paul's statement of defense in verse 3?

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6. What is true of Paul’s weapons of warfare, according to verse 4?

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7. How is Paul handling opposing thoughts, according to verse 5?

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8. What is he standing ready to do, according to verse 6?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The result of the Spirit’s work in our lives is the manifestation of the meekness and gentleness of Christ.

LESSON #2: The manifestation of the Spirit-filled life is boldness.

LESSON #3: The Corinthians were evaluating, criticizing, and condemning the Apostle Paul’s ministry in Corinth.

LESSON #4: Paul is not defensive in the face of opposition.

LESSON #5: The weapons of our warfare are divinely powerful.

LESSON #6: Are you practicing spiritual mind control in bringing your thoughts captive unto the obedience of Christ?

LESSON #7: “May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer” (Psalm 19:14).

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**STUDY NUMBER NINETEEN – 2 CORINTHIANS 10:7-18****NOTES**

v. 7 You are looking at what is before your eyes. If anyone is convinced in his own mind that he belongs to Christ, let him be considering this again within himself, that just as he belongs to Christ, so also do we.

v. 8 For even if I should boast somewhat further concerning our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for tearing you down, I shall not be put to shame,

v. 9 for I do not wish to seem as if I would terrify you by my letters.

v.10 “For his letters indeed!” they are saying, “are weighty and strong, but his bodily presence is unimpressive, and his speech amounts to nothing.”

v.11 Let such a person be considering this, that what we are in word by letters when we are absent, such are we also in action when we are present.

v.12 For we are not daring to class or compare ourselves with some of those who are commending themselves; but when they are measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves with themselves, they are without understanding.

v.13 But we will not boast beyond our measure, but within the measure of the limits which God assigned to us as a measure, to reach even as far as you.

v.14 For we are not overextending ourselves, as if we did not reach to you, for we were the first to come even as far as you in the gospel of Christ;

v.15 not boasting beyond our measure, that is, in other men’s labors, but having hope that as your faith is growing, we shall be, within our limits, enlarged even more by you,

v.16 so as to preach the gospel even to the regions beyond you, and not to boast in what has been accomplished in the limits of another.

v.17 But he who is boasting, let him be boasting in the Lord.

v.18 For not he who is commending himself is approved, but whom the Lord is commending.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read 2 Corinthians 10:7-18 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What is Paul asking his opponents to consider, according to verse 7?

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3. What is the purpose of the Lord's authority given to Paul, according to verse 8?

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4. How is Paul criticized, according to verse 10?

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5. What is the standard of measurement of his opponents, according to verse 12?

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6. What is Paul's hope, according to verse 15?

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7. What does Paul want to do, according to verse 16?

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8. What does Paul challenge them to do, according to verse 17?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: We can be convinced in our own mind that we belong to Christ.

LESSON #2: We can be convinced and still not be a Christian.

LESSON #3: Authority rightly used is for building up and not tearing down.

LESSON #4: We build one another up when we: affirm, encourage, serve, and meet needs.

LESSON #5: We tear someone down by: rejection, criticism, laughing at them, lying about them, and hating them.

LESSON #6: The critics in Corinth were criticizing what he writes, how he looks, and what he says.

LESSON #7: Criticisms are words irresponsibly spoken.

LESSON #8: Personal commendation can be distorted by: pride, blindness, wishful thinking, and focusing only on strengths.

LESSON #9: God's limits and standard of measurement are all that really matters.

LESSON #10: Commendation by the Lord is top priority.

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**STUDY NUMBER TWENTY – 2 CORINTHIANS 11:1-15****NOTES**

v. 1 I wish that you would bear with me in a little foolishness; but indeed you are bearing with me.

v. 2 For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I gave you in marriage to one husband, that I might present you to Christ as a pure virgin.

v. 3 But I am fearing, lest by any means, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.

v. 4 For if indeed one is coming and is preaching another Jesus whom we have not preached, or you are receiving a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted, you are putting up with it well enough (quite easily).

v. 5 For I am considering myself not in the least inferior to the most eminent apostles.

v. 6 But even if I am unskilled in speaking, yet I am not so in knowledge; in fact, in every way we made it evident to you in all things.

v. 7 Or did I commit a sin in humbling myself in order that you might be exalted, because I preached the gospel of God to you without charge?

v. 8 I robbed other churches, having taken wages from them to serve you;

v. 9 and when I was present with you and was in need, I was not a burden to anyone; for when the brethren came from Macedonia, they fully supplied my need, and in everything I kept myself from being a burden to you, and I will continue to do so.

v.10 As the truth of Christ is in me, this boasting shall not be stopped in the regions of Achaia.

v.11 Why? Because I am not loving you? God is knowing I do.

v.12 But what I am doing, I will also continue to do, in order that I may cut off the opportunity of those who are desiring an opportunity in order that they may be found just as we are in the matter about which they are boasting.

v.13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.

v.14 And no wonder, for even Satan is disguising himself as an angel of light.

v.15 Therefore it is no great thing if also his servants are disguising themselves as servants of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

### **QUESTIONS:**

1. Read 2 Corinthians 11:1-15 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What does Paul ask them to do, according to verse 1?

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3. How does Paul feel about the Corinthians, according to verse 2?

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4. How does Satan work, according to verse 3?

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5. How does Paul describe himself in verse 6?

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6. How has Paul handled personal financial matters in Corinth, according to verses 7-9?

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7. How are these opponents described in verse 13?

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8. How are they like their master Satan, according to verses 14-15?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Deceiving and disguising are the devil's dirty deeds.

LESSON #2: Satan is just as active today as he was in the Garden of Eden.

LESSON #3: It is Satan's desire to lead us astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.

LESSON #4: Paul fully understands what Satan is capable of doing.

LESSON #5: Memorizing and meditating on the Word of God is our greatest protection from the onslaughts of the wicked one.

LESSON #6: Satan has a Jesus, a spirit, a gospel, and a kingdom.

LESSON #7: No one in Corinth was taking a stand and straightening things out.

LESSON #8: Paul may be a poor speaker, but he knows what he is talking about.

LESSON #9: In everything, Paul kept himself from being a burden to the Corinthians.

LESSON #10: The truth of Christ resides in the apostle Paul.

LESSON #11: Satan has false apostles and deceitful workers who disguise themselves as apostles of Christ.

LESSON #12: Satan has servants who are disguising themselves as servants of righteousness.

LESSON #13: The dirty D's of Satan's arsenal are: deception, discouragement, depression, desires, defeat, doctrinal deviation, and disguise.

LESSON #14: Satan's servants will be judged and condemned at the great white throne of judgment.

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**STUDY NUMBER TWENTY-ONE – 2 CORINTHIANS 11:16-33**

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v.16 Again I am saying, let no one think me to be foolish; but if you do, receive me even as foolish, in order that I also may boast a little.  
v.17 That which I am speaking, I am not speaking as the Lord would, but as in foolishness, in this confidence of boasting.  
v.18 Since many are boasting according to the flesh, I also will boast.  
v.19 For you, being so wise, are gladly tolerating those who are foolish.  
v.20 For you are tolerating anyone if he is reducing you to slavery, if he is devouring you, if he is taking advantage of you, if he is exalting himself, if he is slapping you in the face.  
v.21 To my shame I am saying that we have been weak by comparison, but in whatever respect anyone else is bold, (I am speaking in foolishness,) I am just as bold myself.  
v.22 Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I.

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v.23 Are they servants of Christ? (I am talking as if I were beside myself) I more so; in far more labors, in far more imprisonments, beaten times without number, often in danger of death.

v.24 Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine lashes.

v.25 Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep.

v.26 I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from those of my own race, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren;

v.27 I have been in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure.

v.28 Apart from such external things, there is the daily pressure upon me, of concern for all the churches.

v.29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is being led into sin and I am not burning with readiness to aid?

v.30 If I have to boast, I will boast of the things that concern my weakness.

v.31 The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He who is blessed forever, is knowing that I am not lying.

v.32 In Damascus the ethnarch under Aretas the king was guarding the city of the Damascenes in order to seize me,

v.33 and I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and was escaping out of his hands.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read 2 Corinthians 11:16-33 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. Describe the five ways the false teachers are treating the Corinthians, according to verse 20.

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3. How bold is Paul, according to verse 21?

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4. How does he compare with these opponents, according to verses 22 & 23?

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5. How easy is it to be in the ministry after reading verses 23-28?

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6. In what two ways does Paul identify with them, according to verse 29?

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7. What is Paul boasting in according to verse 30?

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8. What illustration does Paul use from his life in verses 32 & 33?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: There is a foolishness in boasting.

LESSON #2: There are five things to watch for done in the name of the religion: 1) reducing you to slavery; 2) taking all your money; 3) taking advantage of you; 4) exalting themselves; and 5) slapping you in the face.

LESSON #3: Commitment is measured by sacrifices made and suffering endured.

LESSON #4: Paul appeals to his sufferings and not his successes in boasting.

LESSON #5: It is not what you have accomplished that is important, but what you have given.

LESSON #6: When it comes right down to it, your commitment is really measured by the things you have been through.

LESSON #7: Paul faced both external and internal pressure in his ministry.

LESSON #8: He still has a song in his heart after he has been through it all.

LESSON #9: Expectations and anticipations must change in the process of growth.

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## **STUDY NUMBER TWENTY-TWO – 2 CORINTHIANS 12:1-10**

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v. 1 Boasting is necessary, though it is not profitable; but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord.

v. 2 I am knowing a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I am not knowing or out of the body I am not knowing, God is knowing—such a man was caught up to the third heaven.

v. 3 And I am knowing how such a man—whether in the body or apart from the body I am not knowing, God is knowing—

v. 4 that he was caught up into Paradise, and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak.

v. 5 Concerning such a man as this I will boast; but concerning myself I will not boast, except in my weaknesses.

v. 6 For if I should desire to boast, I shall not be foolish, for I shall be speaking the truth; but I am refraining from this, so that no one may credit me with more than he is seeing in me or hearing from me.

v. 7 And because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to buffet me—in order that I may not be exalting myself.

v. 8 Concerning this I entreated the Lord three times in order that it might depart from me.

v. 9 And He has said to me, “My grace is adequate for you, for power is finding its consummation (reaching perfection) in the presence of weakness.” Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

v.10 Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions and difficulties on behalf of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. How does Paul feel about boasting in verse 1?

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3. Who is Paul talking about in verse 2?

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4. What happened to Paul, according to verse 4?

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5. What is Paul boasting in, according to verse 5?

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6. What happened to the apostle Paul because of his great privileges, according to verse 7?

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7. How did Paul handle his thorn, according to verse 8?

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8. How did the Lord respond to the apostle's prayer, according to verse 9?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: There is never any benefit to be gained from boasting.

LESSON #2: Our vision and revelation should be of Jesus Christ, for as we behold Him with unveiled face, we are transformed into the self-same image.

LESSON #3: Paradise, or the third heaven, is the dwelling place of God.

LESSON #4: If you died at this moment, would you go to be in paradise?

LESSON #5: Paul is boasting in his weaknesses.

LESSON #6: They have to see it in me before they want to hear it from me.

LESSON #7: There was given to me visions, revelations, and a thorn.

LESSON #8: Paul understands the reason for the thorn is to keep him humble.

LESSON #9: The thorn was a gift with a purpose.

LESSON #10: Grace is always equal to the buffeting.

LESSON #11: On three different occasions Paul prayed to be free of this thorn, but God is unmoved in His purpose.

LESSON #12: When we are truly drawing on His grace, it is not a case of exalting ourselves.

LESSON #13: The apostle got a “no” and still has a good attitude in the situation.

LESSON #14: In our human weakness, the divine power is on display.

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**STUDY NUMBER TWENTY-THREE – 2 CORINTHIANS 12:11-21****NOTES**

v.11 I have become foolish; you yourselves forced me. Actually I should have been commended by you, for in no respect was I inferior to the most eminent apostles, even though I am nothing.

v.12 Indeed the signs of a true apostle were performed among you with every kind of patience, by signs and wonders and miracles.

v.13 For what is there in which you were treated as inferior to the rest of the churches, except that I myself did not become a burden to you? Forgive me this wrong.

v.14 Look! This is a third time I am ready to come to you, and I will not be a burden to you; for I am not seeking what is yours, but you; for children are not under moral obligation to be saving up for their parents, but the parents for the children.

v.15 And I will most gladly spend and be spent for your souls. If I am loving you the more, am I to be loved the less?

v.16 But be that as it may, I did not burden you myself; nevertheless, being crafty, I took you in by deceit.

v.17 Certainly of those whom I have sent to you, there was not one through whom I took advantage of you, was there?

v.18 I urged Titus to go, and sent the brother with him. Titus did not take any advantage of you, did he? Did we not conduct ourselves in the same spirit and walk in the same steps?

v.19 For a long time you are thinking that it is to you I am presenting my verbal defense. In the sight of God in Christ we are speaking; but all the things, beloved, are for your upbuilding.

v.20 For I am fearing that perhaps, having come, I may find you to be not what I am wishing and I may be found by you to be not what you are wishing; that perhaps there may be strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, outbreaks of selfishness, slanders, gossips, inflated egos, disturbances;

v.21 I am afraid that having come again, my God may humiliate me before you, and I may mourn over many of those who have sinned previously and did not repent of the impurity and immorality and sensuality which they practiced.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read 2 Corinthians 12:11-21 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. How does Paul feel about the Corinthians' attitude toward him, according to verse 11?

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**ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

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