

LESSON 4 - 2 Corinthians 4



DAY 1 2 Corinthians 4:1-4

DAY 2 2 Corinthians 4:5-7

DAY 3 2 Corinthians 4:8-12

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DAY 5 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Day 1 *Begin your study with time in prayer. Ask God to show you His truth.*

Step 1 Look in God's Word- Read the passage given below from your bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and write it out in the space below.

2 Corinthians 4:1-4

Step 2 Learn the Lesson- What does the verse mean?

Step 3 Listen to His Voice - What does the verse mean to me?

Step 4 Cross Thoughts- Record cross reference verse(s) or other verses that came to mind.

Step 5 Live in Response- How will I respond and what will I do differently?

Day 2 Pray for our church, Pastors and their wives.

Step 1 Look in God's Word- Read the passage given below from your bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and write it out in the space below.

2 Corinthians 4:5-7

Step 2 Learn the Lesson- What does the verse mean?

Step 3 Listen to His Voice - What does the verse mean to me?

Step 4 Cross Thoughts- Record cross reference verse(s) or other verses that came to mind.

Step 5 Live in Response- How will I respond and what will I do differently?

Theme: _____

Digging Deeper

Commentary: Paul and his companions did not go from town to town promoting their greatness or accomplishments; no they preached the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Creator of light brings light into the hearts of those who sincerely seek and follow Him. The follower of Jesus Christ has the light of truth shining in his or her heart and they are compelled to share that truth when given the opportunity. Paul made it clear to the Corinthians that anything great that came from him was not of his own doing; but it was the excellent power of God working through him. The same holds true for us, we are given the power of the Holy Spirit of God to do great things for His glory alone not for our recognition.

1. What important point is Paul making in verse 5 regarding proclaiming the gospel to others?

2. What word does Paul use to describe himself and his companions in verse 5?

3. What is Paul's goal in his decision? Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-22.

4. What is the treasure Paul is speaking of in verse 7?

Day 3 Pray for our Nation, State and City Officials.

Step 1 Look in God's Word- Read the passage given below from your bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and write it out in the space below.

2 Corinthians 4:8-12

Step 2 Learn the Lesson- What does the verse mean?

Step 3 Listen to His Voice - What does the verse mean to me?

Step 4 Cross Thoughts- Record cross reference verse(s) or other verses that came to mind.

Step 5 Live in Response- How will I respond and what will I do differently?

Theme: _____

Digging Deeper

Commentary: “The Bible tells us there is a wisdom that is foolish and a foolishness that is wise (1 Cor. 1:20-25). There is a gain that is loss and a loss that is gain (Phil. 3:7-9). And there is an exalted way that leads downward and a humble way that leads to exaltation (Phil. 2:5-11). Statements like these seem to be contradictions, but they are actually paradoxes. A paradox is a statement that contains two truths, which at first glance seem to be incompatible.”⁹

1. List the paradoxes that Paul mentions in verses 8 and 9.

_____ yet _____

_____ but _____

_____ but _____

_____ but _____

2. How did Paul view the suffering he experienced?

3. What kept him going? (later part of v10)

4. Does this help you view your ‘sufferings’ in life differently? Why or why not?

Day 4 Pray for Missionaries

Step 1 Look in God's Word- Read the passage given below from your bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and write it out in the space below.

2 Corinthians 4:13-15

Step 2 Learn the Lesson- What does the verse mean?

Step 3 Listen to His Voice - What does the verse mean to me?

Step 4 Cross Thoughts- Record cross reference verse(s) or other verses that came to mind.

Step 5 Live in Response- How will I respond and what will I do differently?

Day 5 Pray for your Bible teacher and small group

Step 1 Look in God's Word- Read the passage given below from your bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and write it out in the space below.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Step 2 Learn the Lesson- What does the verse mean?

Step 3 Listen to His Voice - What does the verse mean to me?

Step 4 Cross Thoughts- Record cross reference verse(s) or other verses that came to mind.

Step 5 Live in Response- How will I respond and what will I do differently?

When *you* gave your life
to Jesus Christ,
He didn't renovate the old *you*
oh no! The old *you* is dead
You are a brand new creation in Christ
ALL things have become new.