

LESSON 7 - 2 Corinthians 7



DAY 1 2 Corinthians 6:17-7:4

DAY 2 2 Corinthians 7:5-7

DAY 3 2 Corinthians 7:8-12

DAY 4 2 Corinthians 7:13-16

DAY 5 2 Corinthians 7 Review

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.

In order to keep the context of today's reading, read 2 Corinthians 6:17-18 through 7:4

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?

Theme: _____

Digging Deeper

Commentary: Verse 1 really should be the last verse of chapter 6 as it connects the thought and point that Paul was making. When reading our Bible we need to remember the original writings were letters not books. There were no chapter and verse numbers. The writer's thoughts flowed naturally. As you can see in chapter 7, that is not always the case with the divisions found in our Bibles. We must learn to think as we read and ask questions, like when we see the word "Therefore" it should prompt the question in your mind "what is the 'therefore' there for?". To answer the question you have to go back to the previous paragraph or verse.

1. Which promises is Paul talking about? 2 Cor 6:18

2. How can we 'cleansed' ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit? Give Bible verses to support your answers.

Commentary: There was no validity to the rumors or thoughts the Corinthians had toward Paul and he asks they open their hearts to him and his co-laborers. Human nature sometimes makes us suspicious and we then guard our hearts. We have to be so careful to not let those thoughts and feelings creep into our lives, for in doing so, like the Corinthians, we close our hearts off to the things that are true, noble, just, pure, lovely, things that are of good report. (Philippians 4:8). Stop listening to rumors and tales about others, and if someone has 'wronged' you, don't let yourself become a prisoner in the jail of unforgiveness, it is a bitter cold, and lonely place.

3. What were the Corinthians accusing Paul of according to his comment in verse 2.

4. Paul would continue to face tribulations, but he would continue to have a heart that rejoiced. What did he write in Philippians 2:17-18?

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 7:5-7

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?

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 7: 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: There are some scholars who believe another letter was written to the Corinthian church between the first and this letter (2 Corinthians), Paul was unhappy that he had to write a letter to the Corinthians, he knew it would bring them pain, but at the same time he did not regret it because he knew it would bring repentance and change in their hearts. Sometimes we have to do the same with those we love and care about. Don't be discouraged, if you are being led by the Lord to bring correction, trust Him to do the good work in their life, as well as yours. The kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in changed hearts and lives. It makes us more into the image of Christ.

1. Worldly sorrow lacks what? (v10)
2. What does the sorrow of the world produce?
3. What did godly sorrow produce in the Corinthians? (v11) Look at different Bible versions for clarity.
4. What was Paul's purpose in writing this letter?

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 7: 13-16

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 church at Corinth was far from perfect. Yet Paul finds himself boasting about them. Such was the bigness of his heart, the sureness of his faith.”¹⁵ Paul is comforted because his first letter to them had the desired result, repentance. He was also encouraged by Titus’ enthusiasm concerning the saints in Corinth. “When Paul says he had confidence in the saints in everything...he did not mean that they were beyond the possibility of sin or failure... but that the confidence he had placed in them had not been in vain”¹⁶

1. What role does Paul say Titus played in this particular episode with the Corinthian church?
2. What role do you have in the church?
3. How was Titus feeling after his visit to Corinth? (v13)
4. Why were Titus’ affections for the Christians in Corinth so strong?

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 complete the S.O.A.P method for your study today.

Read 2 Corinthians 7***Digging Deeper***

We are approaching today's lesson using the S.O.A.P method.

"S.O.A.P. stands for Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer. It's a great way to delve more deeply into your Bible reading, and record your thoughts, emotions and observations when studying Scripture. S.O.A.P. is meant to be a journal you create with your regular Bible reading, but it can also be an effective tool to help you connect with particular passages."

Scripture: What verse from the entire chapter stood out for you today?

Observation: What did you notice today that you had not seen before?

Application: What do you have to do or change to apply what you learned today?

Pray: Write a prayer of repentance, praise, thanksgiving...whatever the Spirit is leading you to do.