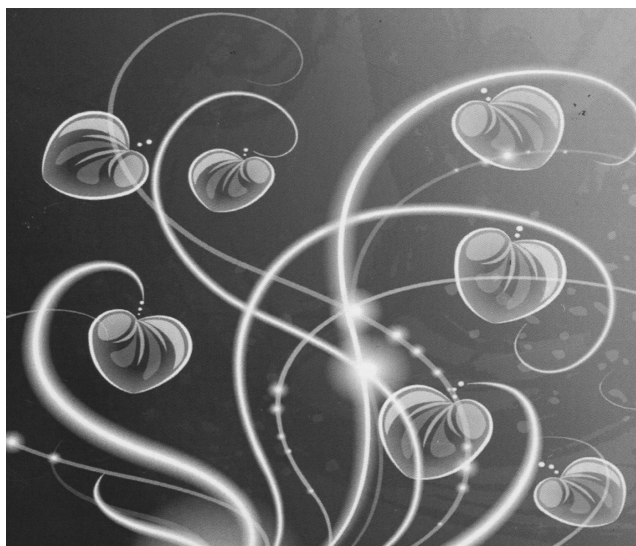


LESSON 12 - 2 Corinthians 12



DAY 1 2 Corinthians 12:1-6

DAY 2 2 Corinthians 12:7-10


DAY 3 2 Corinthians 12:11-13

DAY 4 2 Corinthians 12:14-18

DAY 5 2 Corinthians 12:19-21

Teaching Notes

Date: _____

 One thing that impacted my heart the most from this teaching was:

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 12:1-6

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: What an amazing experience Paul had here in the first portion of chapter 12! The human imagination cannot father or words express what he saw and heard. Though he refers to himself in the third person, probably out of humility, it was Paul himself who was given the visions and revelations of the Lord. Bible commentators believe Paul experienced this event in Lystra after being stoned and left for dead. (Acts 14:19-20).

Recent authors have written about their out of body or near death experiences but we should always weigh those things against what God's word tells us and remember that where God is silent we too must be silent. Paul just wasn't sure if he was dead or alive he just knows what happened to him and had no words to fully express it.

1. What was Paul unsure of fourteen years ago?

2. What was Paul certain of regarding his experience?

3. What was Paul willing to boast about and what was he careful to do? (v5,6)

4. What **do** we know about Heaven based on John's description in Scripture?
 - a. John 14:2-4

 - b. Revelation 21:1-4

 - c. Revelation 21:11, 18, 19

 - d. Revelation 21:21-2

 - e. Revelation 22:3-4 & 6

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 11:7-10

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 Lord can use many things to keep or make us humble- it could be an illness, a person, personal circumstances. The one thing we must remember is that nothing comes into our lives that is not 'Father filtered' first. Satan seeks to destroy us but God will not **allow** anything into our lives that we cannot handle with Him. In our own strength we fail miserably, but in the strength of God there is power and victory to get through it...even if it lasts a life-time. We need to not lower our head and eyes in defeat but keep looking at least six inches above our heads or higher- always looking to Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.

1. Who was allowed to inflict or 'buffet' Paul?

2. Why was Paul given this 'thorn in the flesh'?

3. False teachers claim if you have 'enough faith' you'll be healed or you won't suffer illness or poverty...but what does God teach us in this passage? (v9) and what was the conclusion Paul came to? (v9-10)

4. Write out verse 9 and journal your thoughts or a prayer.

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 12:11-13

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

2 Corinthians 11:14-18

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?

Theme: _____

Digging Deeper

Commentary: If you are a parent or had loving parents you can relate to Paul's comment in verse 14, after all, children don't provide for their parents. Rather, parents provide for their children. Some of the Corinthians admitted that Paul was not a burden to them, but still, others thought him to be crafty and took advantage of them by trickery. But Paul poses the question to them- How did we take advantage of you? Give me examples? Titus was also faithful and loved them as Paul did, they shared the same passionate heart toward the Corinthians. We will never be able to please everyone all of the time, just keep walking in faith and loving others as God as called us to do.

1. What does Paul seek by visiting the Christians in Corinth?

2. What analogy does he use showing them he did not want to be a burden to them?
 - a. What does this reveal about his heart toward the Christians in Corinth?

3. What does Paul say about all the men he sent to Corinth including Titus?

4. Have you ever visited other churches and thought about how your behavior reflects your home church and leadership?

Day 5 Pray for your facilitator and small group.

Step 1 Look in God's Word- As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most. Read the passage from your own Bible and read the cross references that are cited as well.

2 Corinthians 12:19-21

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: Because of the poor behavior of some believers the world has a cynical view of all believers. They think we have a financial motive for everything or some political agenda, but the true follower of Christ does not have an ulterior motive, we simply, like Paul, want people to be built up in their faith and bless them.

The book of 2 Corinthians touches on matters of the heart, our hearts. Are we broken and mournful over the sin we see in our world today or have we become so desensitized to the violence and immorality that we simply walk in this world not being effective or affective in people's lives? Let that not be said of you.

1. Why did Paul have to say all these things in this letter to the Corinthian church? (v19)

a. What does edification mean?

2. What were some of Paul's concerns (fears) (v20-21)

3. What areas of sin did this church apparently have to deal with?

4. What would Paul do if he found them unrepentant? (v21)

5. What did he reveal about his heart in Romans 9:1,2 in regard to his own countrymen?

Personal: What sins do you have to deal with personally? Repent and give them to the Lord right now and thank Him for his mercy and grace- accept His forgiveness and move forward. Ask Him to change your heart so you can walk in His steps and do things the way He wants you to.

