

2 Corinthians Series: "Learning to Lean on God"

"Cause For Concern"

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2 Corinthians 12:11-21

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Introduction:

- A. What are you _____ about?
- B. What can we _____ about our _____?
- C. Paul's concern was not for _____, but for the _____ and the _____.

I. Understanding the Word

- A. Paul began with a bit of a _____ - the Corinthians should have been _____ about him.
- B. Paul was never a _____ burden to them - it was an _____ for which he playfully pled forgiveness.
- C. Paul's interest was in their _____ not their _____ - he was interested in _____ not _____.
- D. Blessed is the man who has fellow _____ he can _____, like Paul could trust _____ and others.
- E. The goal of their ministry was not to build _____ up and to feather their own _____ nest, but to build up the _____.
- F. Paul expressed concern about three things:
 - 1. About the outcome of his impending _____.
 - 2. About finding them involved in all kinds of _____.
 - 3. About being _____ under God's hand like the one he had experienced during his second visit.

II. Applying the Word

- A. We learn that _____ must be _____ - _____.
- B. We learn that _____ must be the expected _____.
- C. We learn that _____ must be _____.

Answer Key: Intro. A. concerned. B. do, concerns. C. himself, Gospel, Church. I.A. scolding, boasting. I.B. financial, injustice. I.C. souls, purses, relationship, revenue. I.D. workers, trust, Titus. I.E. themselves, financial, Corinthians. I.F.1. visit. I.F.2. sin. I.F.3. humbled. II.A. leaders, thick, skinned. II.B. godliness, standard. II.C. godlessness, confronted.