

The Book of 2 Corinthians

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Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God's Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses which the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

Morning Study

This morning we will read **2 Corinthians 5:11-7:16**. This passage can be divided into four subsections. Read each subsection, answering for yourself the questions associated with them. Type out your answers or jot them down on a piece of paper and file your answers with your morning study.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2

- How does **5:11** relate to **5:10**? Why does Paul "know what it is to fear the Lord"?
- Paul says, "What we are is plain to God" (**5:11**). How does this relate to **5:16-17**?
- What is it that Paul is seeking to persuade men of? (**5:11** – note **5:14-15,20**).
- What is it that we should and should not take pride in? (**5:12**).
- Looking at **5:14** in its context, what did Christ's love compel Paul to do?
- How does **5:17** relate to **5:16**?
- What is the appeal that God makes through us? (**5:20**).

Read 2 Corinthians 6:3-13

- How did Paul commend himself "in every way"? (**6:4-10**).
- In this subsection, what is Paul asking the Corinthians to do? (**6:12-13**).

Read 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

- How does **6:14** relate to **6:1**? Who is it that the Corinthians should be yoked to?
- What does Paul say is God's desire for the Corinthians? (**6:16-18**).
- What are "these promises" that the Corinthians have? (**7:1**).
- In the light of **6:14-18**, what is Paul's instruction to the Corinthians? (**7:1**).

Read 2 Corinthians 7:2-16

- What is Paul's heart-felt desire, expressed in **7:2**? (Note also **6:12-13**).
- How does **7:4** relate to **4:8-15** and **6:4-9**?
- How does **7:5-7** relate to **1:3-11**?
- What is the difference between "godly sorrow" and "worldly sorrow"? (**7:8-12**).

Memory Verse

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

Here are a few suggestions that may help you to memorize your memory verse:

- ➡ Ask the Lord to help you remember his Word (see [John 14:26](#)).
- ➡ Use the version of the Bible you are most familiar with. What you normally read in your Bible is what you need to be memorizing.
- ➡ Don't just memorize the contents of the verse; memorize its "address" (the verse reference) as well. You can do this by following this pattern: Step 1: **reference**; Step 2: **verse content**; Step 3: **reference**. Then repeat steps 1-3. Note that you are quoting the reference twice as many times as you quote the actual verse content. This gives the verse a clear "reference tag."
- ➡ After you have read your memory verse out aloud several times, try going through your memory verse *without* reading your computer screen.
- ➡ Look up your memory verse in your Bible. Look at its immediate context and read the verses that come before and after your memory verse.
- ➡ Print out your memory verse or jot it down on a piece of paper. Take this paper with you when you go to work or do other daily activities. Meditate on the meaning of the verse throughout the day.
- ➡ During your noon appointment with the Lord, take out your memory verse and go over it again. Talk to the Lord about what this verse means to you personally.
- ➡ In the evening (at either your evening study or your evening devotions), see if you can quote your memory verse from memory. Then, without looking at the memory verse itself, see if you can find it in your Bible.
- ➡ The next day, before you begin committing a new verse to memory, rehearse your previous day's memory verse and see if you can remember it (without cheating!).
- ➡ Finally, at the end of the week (possibly on the Sunday), collect all your week's memory verses, rehearse them and see if you can recall them without reading them. Spend a little extra time on any verses you have difficulty recalling.
- ➡ Remember: Don't just memorize a verse. Put it into practice ([James 1:22](#)). It is not being able to quote a verse from memory that counts. It is His Word *abiding* in your heart that counts ([John 15:7](#)). When you actually apply a verse consistently to your daily life, that is when you *truly* know that verse!