

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 be reading the last minor section of Paul's second letter to the Corinthians – **2 Corinthians 12:11-13:14**. This minor section can be divided into three 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 12:11-21

- Why did Paul make a “fool” of himself by boasting about himself? (**12:11**).
- How did Paul compare himself to the false “super apostles” (NIV)? (**12:11**).
- What did Paul consider to be the marks of a true apostolic ministry? (**12:12**).
- How were these marks of apostleship done among the Corinthians? (**12:12**).
- Why was Paul never a burden to the Corinthians? (**12:13-15**) (note **11:7-12**).
- What “same spirit” did Titus and the other men Paul sent act in? (**12:16-18**).
- What did Paul say he was afraid of? (**12:20-21**).

Read 2 Corinthians 13:1-10

- In the light of Paul's quote from **Deuteronomy 19:15**, why does Paul consider this third visit to the Corinthians to be so important? (**13:1**).
- What was the warning that Paul had given on his first and second visits, and that he would enact on his third visit? (**13:2**).
- How does Paul compare his own weakness with Christ's weakness, and his own strength with Christ's strength? (**13:3-4**).
- Why did Paul instruct the Corinthians to “examine” themselves? (**13:5**).
- What is Paul's prayer for the Corinthians? (**13:7,9**).
- What does Paul repeat about the purpose of his authority? (**12:10** and **10:8**).

Read 2 Corinthians 13:11-14

- What are the four final instructions that Paul gives to the Corinthians? (**13:11**).
- If they do these four things, how will God reveal himself to them? (**13:11**).

Memory Verse

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

2 Corinthians 9:10

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!