

II CORINTHIANS

PAUL'S MOST PERSONAL EPISTLE

Question: Summing up the whole situation, what is Paul's overall attitude toward the Corinthians? What does that say about the sinful situation Paul had addressed?

2 Cor 7:16 _____

Questions for Discussion:

A motivational speaker once said, "Feedback is valuable. And of the two kinds of feedback, *negative* feedback is by far the *most* valuable." Do you agree? How does this apply to our lives as Christians?

One writer stated, "There are times in the ministry when strong, confrontational words are necessary -- sin crouches at the door!" Do you agree? What if you were the *target* of strong, confrontational words from your pastor -- would you still agree? Does this apply to Christians *other* than pastors? If so, how? Discuss.

Part 14 – 2 Cor. 7:8-16 Godly Sorrow?

Warm-up: We have a German loan-word that is frequently used in English: *Schadenfreude*. It means to rejoice in someone else's sorrow or misfortune. It's condemned in Scripture (Proverbs 24:17). **Can you think of a specific time when you were tempted to indulge in Schadenfreude?** By contrast, could there ever be a time when it was actually *good and right* to rejoice in someone else's sorrow?

Question: In the previous verse (7:7) Paul said that, among other emotions, Titus had reported the Corinthians' "mourning" because of Paul's admonishment of them. Did the Apostle regret making them sorry?

2 Cor 7:8 _____

Question: Paul mentions "*my letter*," which "*made you sorry*," apparently the same letter he referenced back in chapter 2. Do you remember what the two most likely options were for identifying that letter?

2 Corinthians 2: 3-4 _____

Question: The Apostle says, "*I rejoice!*" This wasn't simply Schadenfreude on Paul's part. Why was he actually glad that they were made sorry?

2 Cor 7:9 _____

Hebrews 12:11 _____

Question: What kind of sorrow stands in stark contrast to “*Godly sorrow*” ?

2 Cor 7:10 _____

Question: What do you think the Holy Spirit means by that expression? What are the differences between *Godly sorrow* and *the sorrow of the world* (mere regret or remorse)?

	GODLY SORROW	THE WORLD’S SORROW
Comes from:	_____	_____
Drives people:	_____	_____
Bears fruits of:	_____	_____
Leads to:	_____	_____
Ultimately:	_____	_____

Question: List some of the many beneficial results (each one better than the last!) that came from the Corinthian Christians’ *Godly sorrow*:

2 Cor 7:11 _____

Question: In verse 12 Paul again mentions the painful letter he’d written to them previously – probably his rebuke of them in connection with the incest case of 1 Corinthians 5. Surprisingly, which two individuals were NOT his main concern in writing that stern admonition?

2 Cor 7:12 _____

Question: Rather, what WAS his main concern?

Question: But the Apostle hasn’t reached the pinnacle of his joy yet. What added even more rejoicing to his heart?

2 Cor 7:13 _____

Question: Next we discover what Paul had told Titus about the Corinthians before he sent him to Corinth. What had been the main content of that briefing?

2 Cor 7:14 _____

Question: Did what Paul told Titus turn out to be right or wrong?

Question: What qualities of the repentant Corinthians made Titus even fonder of them in his memory?

2 Cor 7:15 _____
