

December 6/Day 340

2 Corinthians 10

Verses 1-6

- We are still reading Paul's second letter to the believers at Corinth.
- Meekness is not weakness. Meekness is power under control. Meekness toward God is accepting everything in our lives as coming from Him without complaint or dispute.
- While Paul uses the contrast word, "but", is it possible to be meek yet bold?
- The weapons of our warfare, as well as our warfare, are spiritual. I like the KJV for this passage, "(For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." This is good to memorize for when we have spiritual battles in our minds.

Verses 7-11

- How were they looking at things?
- What was the purpose of Paul's authority? To boss over the congregation?

Verses 12-18

- How were some measuring and comparing themselves?
- Where should our boast be? Whatever we boast in is what we trust in.

2 Corinthians 11

Verses 1-6

- How did the serpent deceive Eve?
- Of what about their minds was Paul afraid?

Verses 7-11

- In what way had Paul humbled himself toward them?
- Did he literally rob other churches? What does this mean?

Verses 12-15

- What are three descriptions of those who intend to fool these believers?
- As what does satan disguise himself? An angel is a messenger and light is synonymous for truth. So, he disguises himself as a messenger of the truth.

- As what do Satan's servants disguise themselves? It is plausible that any one of us could be deceived and find ourselves disguised as a servant of righteousness? How can we know for sure?

Verses 16-29

- What had they gladly tolerated, though they considered themselves wise?
- By what comparison had Paul been weak?
- Describe Paul's hardships as a servant of Christ.
- Had you been through as much, do you think you would come out stronger or would your faith become tattered?

Verses 30-33

- Pertaining to what would Paul boast?

2 Corinthians 12

Verses 1-6

- What time reference is mentioned here in regard to Paul's vision?

Verses 7-10

- What was Paul given to keep him from exalting himself because of his visions? Some people think it is a problem with his eyesight since traditionally he is known to have had an eye disease and some passages seem to indicate he has trouble seeing to write. However, we are not told this for certain.
- How many times did Paul pray to have it removed?
- How did God reply?
- Describe again the circumstances of Paul's life as a believer and servant according to verse 10.

Verses 11-13

- Is Paul truly foolish or is he using the word to make a point?

Verses 14-18

- Why is Paul talking about children and parents now? Remember context.
- In verse 16, he's being facetious.

Verses 19-21

- How many of the characteristics in verses 20 and 21 have we seen before in the patterns of life verse; those by which one will not inherit the kingdom?

2 Corinthians 13

Verses 1-4

- How many times has Paul been to Corinth at this point?

Verses 5-10

- What does he tell them to do in verse 5? Think about the context and why he's writing.
- Why does he feel like he should write this now, while hoping to visit them again?

Verses 11-14

- What are Paul's final instructions?

See you tomorrow.