

Summary 10/10/14

2 Cor. 10:10-18

"If you bring, let it be in the end"

We are fast drawing to the end of our study of 2 Corinthians — but I am **thoroughly enjoying it** —

I believe that God has opened my eyes to a number of things I've taken lightly in the past —

Paul has reminded us that the day may come when our **calling of God is questioned** — But he has also reminded us that our **Record will say a lot in our behalf** —

- ① If we give God all the glory God will be pleased
- ② If we preach the word of God and back what we say with Scripture we need not fear man — He may take a verse out of context, and try to make you out a liar, but **God knows better** — He knows your heart and the heart of the person who comes against you. **And the word will always stand** —

Paul has reminded us over and over that a person who loves God or they should will never become a stumbling block to others - They love God too much and they love people too much.

Paul has spoken of his confidence in the reality of a place called Heaven - And that those who are saved can believe all God has promised - That a home is waiting - And that if it never fell because God is the Builder.

Now Paul has reminded believers that their works will be judged and rewards will be given accordingly -

He tells us that a sure sign that a person is saved is that they will become new creations - These worldly things once considered so wonderful will have no place in their lives - And Paul said: Unconditional surrender is a must - Giving of our own self in a trust.

I was reminded that God knew
one who gives out of a happy heart -
a heart so full of appreciation that
rather than look for reasons not to
give - they define in the reasons they
have to give.

Then Paul reminded us that it
was God who called him to be an
apostle and that he exercised the
authority he received from God as
needed.

Now Paul mentions letters against
teaching the Corinthians that is was
not in his heart to try and frighten
them or threaten them but that
they might be reminded of some
things.

Let's read 2 Cor 10: 10 - 18 (2 Cor 10: 10-18)

Very likely Paul is referring here to
the first letter he wrote them. Someone
had no doubt commented publicly
on the nature of and message
of those letters. Weighty & powerful

"Weighty" Ministry & Governance as to the
point. New Path, Paul did not make a
habit of wasting Time or Words. He
Got to the Point -

New "Powerful" as used here would be a
reference to a "Strong Argument".
Paul had the evidence - And he used it
to back up his speeches - And dear
hearts, the evidence of our sinicity
should be at hand also - Answer

New when Paul wrote, He wrote with
purpose - when a thought struck Him,
he set about expanding on it so the
Spirit of God led Him to do so - He
Always sought to magnify the Lord,
Not Self

While some men dwell on Man's Deceit
Paul dwelt on God's Word - These he
was apparently weak in body, his
mind was ever alert - One thing Paul
knew whatever his weaknesses were,
it was not in his ability to get
the message out -

Then beginning to have the same speak
of the need to listen carefully — try
to get God's message from the message,
rather than find fault with the messenger
it's delivered —

Paul said, "No matter if I am with
you or away from you the message
will be the same" — No matter what
my physical is or where I am, I'll never
speak anything but truth to you"

In verse 12 Paul warns Against Hypocrisy
He warns Against Ambition, More highly
of ourselves than we ought — Paul said
"we don't dare do it" (and neither should we)

He said: "I don't thrust myself forward
so I might be lifted up" Paul said:
"I'm not brave or bold enough to do it"

And Paul says: "To set yourself up as the
"authority" brands you as a fool" He says
"That person is not wise, but foolish"

He reminds us that God and His
word are the authority —

And so they are —

Verses 12 Reminds me of the passage that says in my office in Newton that said "Many would come to wisdom if they did not think themselves already there" Amos

They have days "Be sure that your standard on the standard you use is not of your own making" Be sure that it's according to God, not man"

Paul was also making reference to ministry "Assignments from God" // Fields of work // Callings of God —

Dear hearts, here is a reminder to each of us — God has a work for you & me — He Assigns it to us —

And He intends for us to be about it # And let there be about the business God has called them to do —

Oh hearts, God did not call everyone to preach or teach — or to sing — but if you've found you have the assignment // Don't ignore it —

Verse 14 is a reminder of what we are
just doing. Paul said: "I, Coomies, to
preach to you we have stayed inside
the limits of our Assignments" We
have not attempted to go beyond
what God has called us to do,

Paul said: "We are where God
sent us, doing what God has told us
to do" Oh my Lord, I believe

Paul was saying, We are in the
Center of God's will. Father, let

me tell you a preacher is never
happier than when he is in the
Center of God's will (when God
sent him, doing what God sent him
to do) And father, it's the same with
my loved ones —

Paul said: "We've not left other things
undone, just so we could be with you"

And Paul said: "We are doing what
God told us to do, "Breach down,
and disengage spirits"

And dear people, that's what God
called preachers to do —

Verse 15 is very likely a word to
those false teachers a rebuke. They
had come after Paul had been there -
after the time the church was
founded // after the trials and
persecutions // They came after
things had settled down and had
formed groups of supporters. And
they were magnifying self -

Paul said: "I don't have power enough
to do that" He also discouraged
it - He reminded the people that
his prayer was ① For increased
faith among them ② That they would
become stronger in the word and
that they would become self-
supportive in the Lord that he could
leave and go wherever the Gospel
was needed to be heard -

Now Paul does not mention any certain
place in Verse 16. Only that he is
desiring to get back on the road -
desiring to share the Gospel -

He is asking for their prayer for ~~and~~
Laysan - Paul is not boasting in
a claim of his good works, but
rather stating his readiness to
be used of God - He is not
glorifying in self but in the Lord

Paul enjoyed showing how God had
done a work, and he shared the
blessings that were his in being
a part of that work - Just being
a part of God's wonderful work
is a great blessing - Just being
a part in God's work was
reward enough -

Many glory in what they have, a fine
home - fine clothes - place of prominence
in the community - and all the
while forget that God allows them
to have these things. But He expects
us to keep them in the right
perspective - people forget that
the same God who gave, can take
away at His pleasure -

The same God who Blesses you also
Withhold Blessings — So Paul
Reminds us to Thank God For
being so Good // For being so
merciful — And for being so
Loving — And to Repent in all
God does —

Then He closes the chapter saying:
Man ought not Allow man's
Judgment to turn his head —
But Rather seek the approval of
God — For you see, it's what God
has to say that really matters.

It's the commendation of God that
man ought to seek — It's being
Accepted of God that man should
Repent over —

If God approves, then all is
well // If He does not, all our
efforts are in vain — Amen

So Paul says: "Seek the Divine Favor
of God" Glory is His Honor —

New found has called for several things = :

- ① Putting Aside Self-exaltation
- ② Putting Aside Self-righteousness
- ③ Reminding us that if we boast, let it be in the Lord —
- ④ And finally, he reminds us that however the power of God, should be our the desire of our hearts —

How is it with you? Does pleasing God excite you? Does hearing Him say "Well Done" bless your heart? Does God get all the glory?

Are you Rejoicing because you have a Savior, who is the Lord? Or do you need a Savior —

He's available // we told you this morning how to find Him. Do you need to Rededicate your life.

Do you need to Live up with this Body? Let's pray about it